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THE ARTIST'S IDEAL OF LINCOLN

GEORGE H. HONIG

Lincoln City, October 14, 1924

Chisel his face with care, O, Sculptor.
And carve each feature well
For his was the face of a Martyr,
A Martyr we love so well.

ALDA MCCOY HONIG.

We are all sculptors, moulding and carving character on our countenance. Character building is the process through which we carve a great and lasting piece of work. When we cast our eyes upon the multitude we are convinced the world is filled with many, very many, poor artists: it is indeed refreshing to note an example of the power of expression and beauty of soul in such a face as Abraham Lincoln.

Let us all remember that we are sculptors and artists, and must manifest the same spirit of endeavor, inspiration and above all the same kind of sincerity which was the consuming desire of this beloved and immortal man, who once stood upon this soil. It is indeed Holy Ground.

Here in this neighborhood, at the age of seven years, Abraham Lincoln began his Spencer County career and for fourteen years, in this community, he acquired the artist habit of observing and studying and chiseling these sincere traits of character into every muscle and every feature of his wonderful countenance. Here in the savage wilds of Pigeon Creek young Lincoln grew up long, lank and swarthy, six feet four inches tall, strong as a giant, with a heart full of courage, ready and eager to fight it out with Destiny.

What does the face of Lincoln reveal? In studying the photographs we find features that reveal courage, fortitude, sacrifice, sympathy and love. His face is that of a strong man who knew the forest and was hardened to the storms.

He knew nature because he had lived close to its heart. No doubt in this vicinity the hardships of a pioneer life developed a rugged country boy, face tanned by the wind, muscles strengthened by hard labor, and a heart full of sunshine and cheerfulness; it gave him a wealth of love for all mankind.

BOONVILLE WILL HONOR LINCOLN

Will Reproduce Portrait
in Bronze to Be Placed
in Public Square.

The Tribune's Special Service.

BOONVILLE, Ind., Oct. 12.—One of the earliest known portraits of Abraham Lincoln, will be reproduced in bronze and erected in this city as a memorial to the life of Lincoln and his connection with this community.

Under the sponsorship of the Warrick County Historical society, George H. Honig, sculptor, of Evansville, is completing the execution of this work, and the memorial will soon be erected on a corner of the public square.

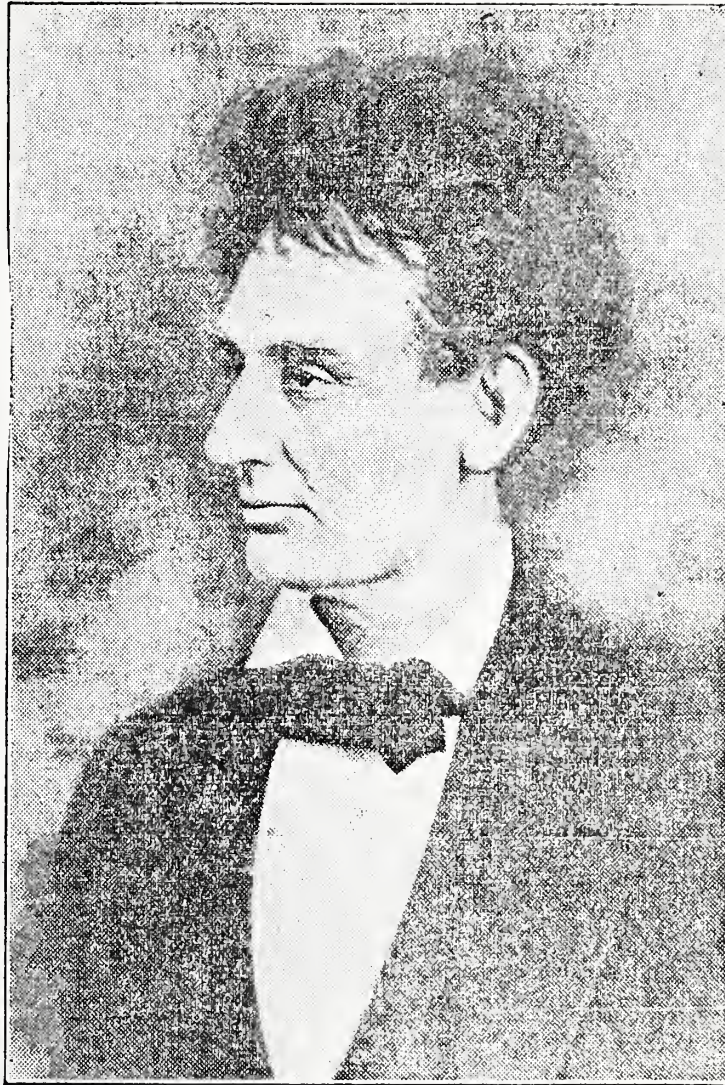
The photograph has been in the possession of Judge Roscoe Kiper, of this city, chairman of the Indiana industrial board, for many years and past grand master of Indiana Masons. So far as is known, it has not heretofore been used in any work of art depicting Lincoln.

The memorial will also contain an inscription in recognition of the fact that the Lincoln family spent its years—the formative years of Abraham Lincoln's life—in Indiana near Boonville, that Lincoln, himself frequently visited Boonville, coming here to attend court trials and to borrow books from the library of John A. Brackenridge, and it also will mark the corner at which the Lincoln family turned north through Boonville, in emigrating from Indiana to Illinois.

Judge Kiper is himself a writer and student of the Lincoln family history. The verification of facts connected with the life of the Lincoln family in this region, including the details noted on the marker, has been carried out over a great many years by William L. Barker, of Boonville, former president of the Southwestern Indiana Historical society. In recognition of the important part he has had in establishing these facts, the Warrick County Historical society also will erect a marker to Mr. Barker, on another corner of the public square.

Judge Kiper is chairman of the committee which has had charge of arranging for the markers. It is now arranging for dedication ceremonies to take place soon after completion.

BOONVILLE PLANS MEMORIAL.



EARLY PORTRAIT OF LINCOLN.

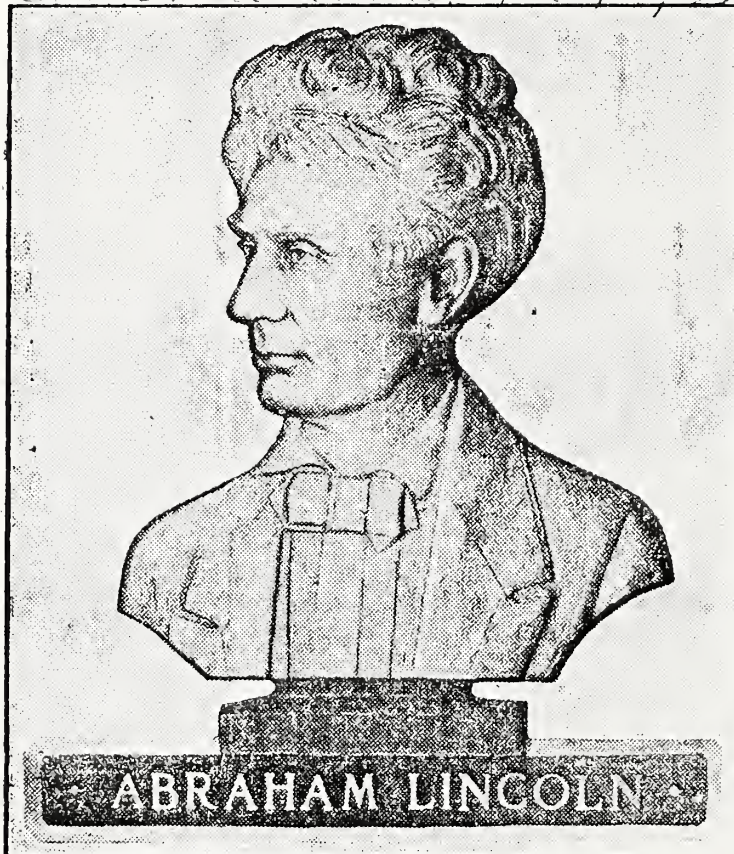
A bronze copy of this portrait of Abraham Lincoln, one of the earliest known, will be erected in Boonville, Ind., as a memorial to Lincoln and his connection with that community.

THE SOUTH BEND TRIBUNE

OCTOBER 12, 1932.

BOONVILLE'S LINCOLN

Evansville Courier 7-26-7-1933



The marker to be dedicated in Boonville Sunday, commemorating the association of Boonville with Lincoln when the Lincoln family lived in Indiana, will carry a likeness in bronze from the earliest known photograph of the Civil war president. The sculpture is the work of George H. Honig, of Evansville, sculptor and Lincoln historian. This likeness of Lincoln never has heretofore been reproduced as a memorial. It is pictured above.

In addition to the Lincoln marker, which also bears a tablet telling of Lincoln's association with Boonville, another marker will be dedicated to William L. Barker, Boonville historian. Both will stand on the courthouse lawn.

The principal speaker at the dedication ceremonies will be Governor Paul V. McNutt.

MEMORIAL TO LINCOLN



BOONVILLE MEMORIAL TO BE DEDICATED TODAY.

LINCOLN MARKER DEDICATION SET

To Be Unveiled Today At
Boonville Along With
Barker Memorial.

Special to The Courier-Journal.
Boonville, Ind., Feb. 11.—Southwestern Indiana will join with Boonville on the birthday of Abraham Lincoln tomorrow in dedication of a marker, bearing a likeness of Lincoln not heretofore reproduced as a memorial, commemorating the association of Boonville with Lincoln when the Lincoln family were residents of Indiana.

Gov. Paul V. McNutt will make the principal address.

The marker bears a reproduction in bronze of the earliest known photograph of Lincoln. It is the work of George H. Honig, Evansville historian and sculptor. Boonville was the town to which Lincoln came in his youth to attend court trials and borrow books from the library of John A. Brackenridge. It was through Boonville that the Lincoln family traveled on its trek from its Indiana residence to the new residence in Illinois, after Lincoln had grown from a small boy to manhood in this region.

The marker has been erected in the public square with a bronze tablet setting forth the fact of Lincoln's association with this community. At the same ceremony the community will dedicate another marker giving the likeness of William L. Barker and telling of the important work he has done in verifying the facts regarding the life of the Lincoln family in this region. Mr. Barker was for many years president of the Southwestern Indiana Historical Society, and is an authority on the life of Lincoln.

The dedication programme will open at noon with a luncheon at the St. Charles Hotel in honor of Governor McNutt and Mrs. McNutt, Mr. and Mrs. Philip C. Lutz, Judge Roscoe Kiper and Mrs. Kiper and William Fortunc, Indianapolis, a native of Boonville.

At 2 o'clock the Evansville Shrine Band will give a half-hour concert in the Clarke gymnasium, and the dedicatory programme will follow at 2:30 o'clock. J. M. Kohlmeyer, president of the Warrick County Historical Society, will preside. Besides Governor McNutt, Mayor Floyd Nester, Mr. Lutz, Attorney General, and Judge Kiper, chairman of the State Industrial Board, will make talks.

The guests then will march to the public square where Governor McNutt will unveil the Lincoln memorial, and Mr. Fortune the marker for Mr. Barker.

The programme committee in charge includes Judge Kiper, chairman; Mr. Lutz, Mr. Kohlmeyer, Jerry Smith, Ed Bracher, W. E. Stevens, Mayor Nester, Ernest Owen and Mrs. T. M. Scales.



Unveiling and Dedication
of the
ABRAHAM LINCOLN
and
WILLIAM L. BARKER
MEMORIALS

Boonville, Indiana

Sunday, February 12, 1933

Auspices of
WARRICK COUNTY
HISTORICAL SOCIETY



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Reception Committee

11:30 A. M.—ST. CHARLES HOTEL
Reception of our honor guests and
visitors to Boonville

Mayor Floyd Nester, Chairman

BOONVILLE

Dr. Floyd W. Traylor
Ora A. Davis
Mrs. Russell Pitman
T. D. Scales
Frank D. McConnell
Chas. H. Johnson
William B. Carleton
Rev. R. H. Toole
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Rev. Henry Feldman
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Mrs. William L. Roth
Miss Ruth Kiper
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Charles Garrison
Earl Spradley
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Russell Siegel
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K. H. Weyerbacher
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H. A. Bippus

JASPER

Mayor George Wagner

YANKEETOWN

Mrs. Lillian Vanada

HUNTINGBURG

Eldo W. Wood

OTWELL

Mrs. Beulah Gray

ROCKPORT

Mrs. Bess Ehrmann
T. C. Bayse
Ben Huffman

WINSLOW

A. J. Heuring

LYNNVILLE

Jacob Rickrich

EVANSVILLE

Mayor Frank W. Gries
Judge John E. Iglehart
Walter J. Lang
Arthur P. Eberlin
A. W. Mann
Judge E. H. Ireland
Judge Jack Spencer
Owen Schneider
Robert W. Chambers
O. J. Miller

MT. VERNON

Herb Leffel
Judge Herdis Clements

CHANDLER

Elvin Harrison

GRANDVIEW

Charles Baker

ELBERFELD

Gerhardt Ahrens

TELL CITY

Magnus J. Kreisle

CANNELTON

Edward Clemens

OAKLAND CITY

Dr. W. P. Dearing

DALE

A. J. Wedeking

PRINCETON

Major Robert Wood

NEW HARMONY

A. T. Frataegot
C. P. Wolfe

CHRISNEY

Warren Lindsey

PETERSBURG

Mrs. A. S. Boonshot

FORT BRANCH

Dr. Brumfield
Sherman Lockwood

HAUBSTADT

Gus Ziliak

CYNTHIANA

Floyd Oursler

RICHLAND

Thos. H. Axton

ENTRYVILLE

Mrs. Elizabeth Phillips
Frank Sutton

Luncheon

12:00 M.—ST. CHARLES HOTEL
In honor of Gov. Paul V. McNutt, William
Fortune, William L. Barker, Judge Ros-
coe Kiper and Philip Lutz, Jr.



Judge Roscoe Kiper, Toastmaster

Invocation—Rev. H. F. Winterhalter



Menu

FRUIT COCKTAIL

BAKED CAPON AND DRESSING

GREEN BEANS

MASHED POTATOES

NOODLES

PERFECTION SALAD

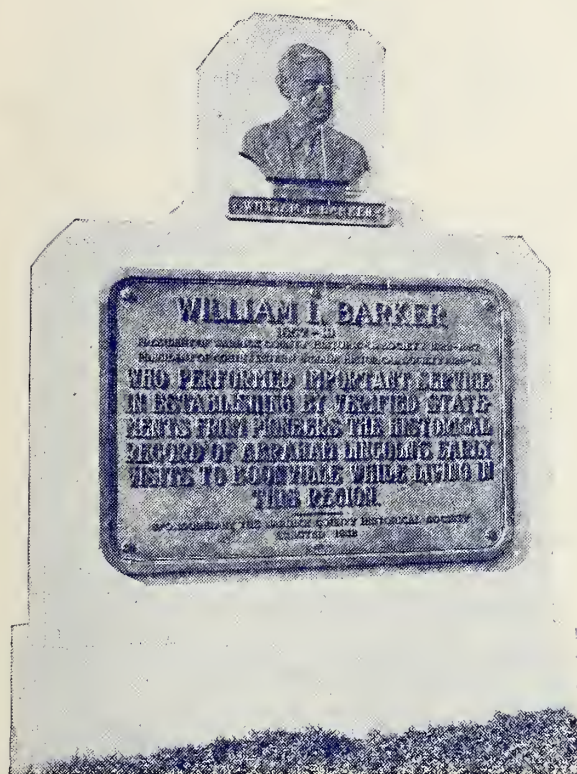
HOT ROLLS AND BUTTER

APPLE PIE

COFFEE

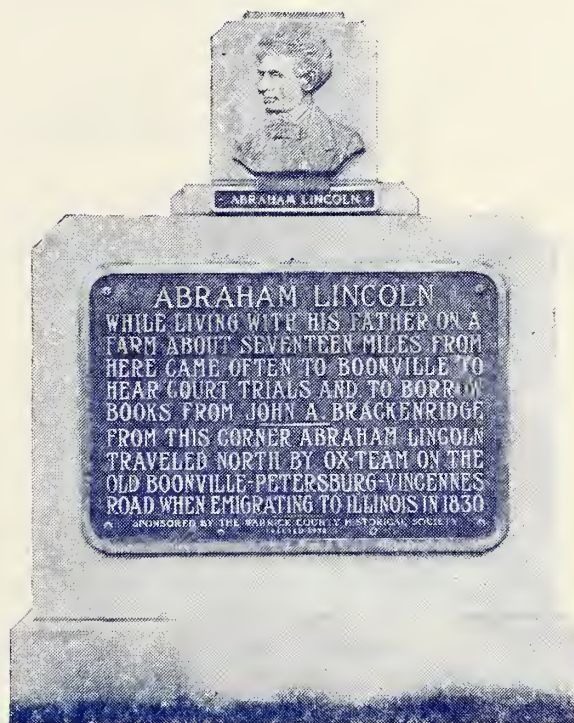
William L. Barker

1:00 P. M.—UNVEILING AND DEDICATION
of the William L. Barker Memorial,
Court House Lawn, by Hon. William
Fortune, Indianapolis.



Abraham Lincoln

1:10 P. M.—UNVEILING AND DEDICATION
of the Abraham Lincoln Memorial by
Hon. Paul V. McNutt, Governor of
Indiana.



Clarke Gymnasium

John M. Kohlmeyer, Master of Ceremonies

1:20 P. M.—BAND CONCERT by Shrine Band of
Hadi Temple, Evansville, Direction of
Albert Inman.

1:50 P. M.—Opening Remarks, John M. Kohlmeyer
President Warrick County Historical
Society.

Singing, "America"
Audience and Band

Invocation—R. H. Toole.

Address of Welcome
Mayor Floyd Nester

Solo, "Star Spangled Banner"
Miss Olive O'Neil

Presenting: Hon. William Fortune,
Boonville's Native Son and
Indiana's Illustrious Citizen

Presenting: William L. Barker,
Boonville's Distinguished Citizen

Clarke Gymnasium

BRIEF TALKS BY THE FOLLOWING:

Philip Lutz, Jr., Attorney General of Indiana

George H. Honig, Evansville, Sculptor of Memorials

Judge Roscoe Kiper, Chairman,
Indiana Industrial Board

ADDRESS — "ABRAHAM LINCOLN"

HON. PAUL V. McNUTT
GOVERNOR OF INDIANA

Resolutions Judge Roscoe Kiper

Benediction..... Rev. W. M. Hawley

Exit March Shrine Band



Warrick County Historical Society

OFFICERS

John M. Kohlmeier, President

Mrs. Maud Kiper, Secretary

Mrs. T. M. Scales, Treasurer



ARRANGEMENT COMMITTEE

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Mrs. Frances Lutz

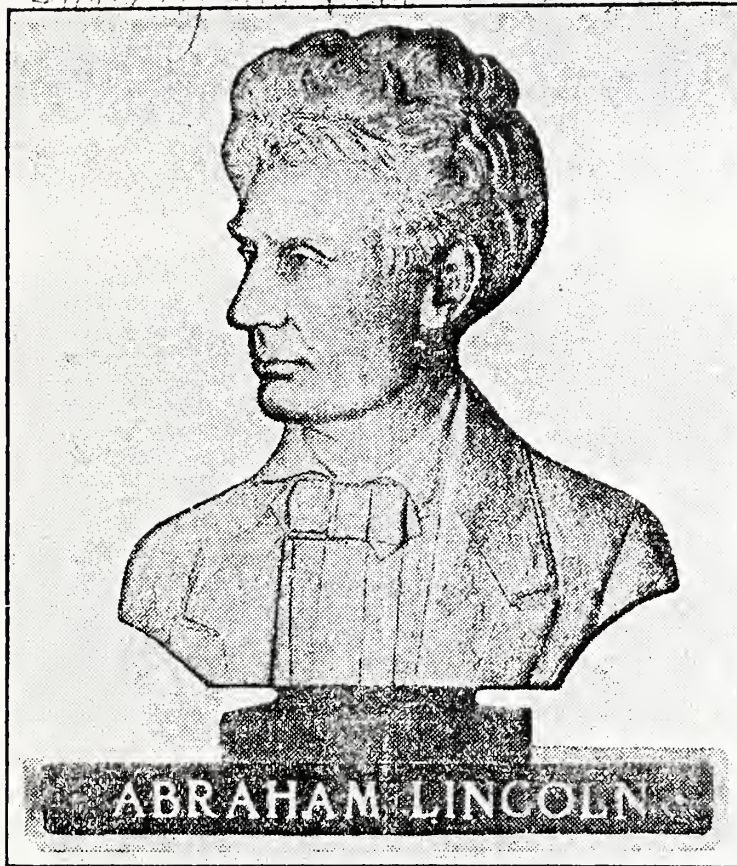
Mrs. Lula Tweedy

FOR CLARKE GYM

Miss Ravia Garrison, Chairman

Members of High School Dramatic Class

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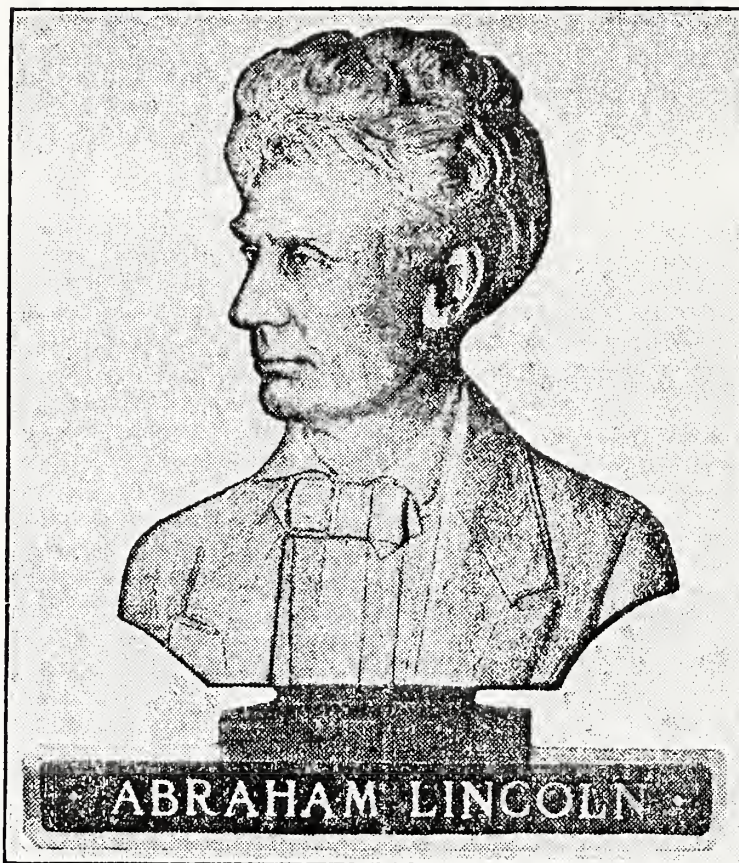
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Indianapolis Star Feb. 11, 1908

GOVERNOR M'NUTT CALLS FOR FAITH EXHIBITED BY ABE

Evansville, Ind., Feb. 13-1933
Renew Lincoln's Resolve That
People Can Govern Selves,
He Cries

1,300 ATTEND CEREMONY

Memorial to Emancipator Is
Unveiled in Boonville
Program

BOONVILLE, Feb. 12.—(Special)—A plea for renewed faith in the ability of the American people to govern themselves was made by Governor Paul V. McNutt in an address here this afternoon before more than 1,300 persons from throughout southwestern Indiana.

Speaking on "Abraham Lincoln," the governor asserted that one of the most significant heritages left by Lincoln was his confidence in the ability of the people to cope with any situation.

"In this crisis there are many prophets of evil and it is fitting that on his birthday anniversary and in this locality where he spent his formative years that we rededicate ourselves to the high resolve that our government of the people shall not perish from this earth," Governor McNutt declared.

DEDICATE MEMORIAL

The governor's address was part of a program arranged by the Warrick County Historical society for the dedication of memorials to Abraham Lincoln and to William L. Barker, Boonville, Lincoln historian.

The Barker memorial was unveiled by William Fortune of Indianapolis, head of the Indiana Red Cross organization, and Governor McNutt unveiled the Lincoln memorial. Busts for both memorials, located on the courthouse lawn, were executed by George H. Honig, Evansville sculptor.

Fortune, a native of Boonville, donated the memorials, it was announced. A resolution of thanks signed by practically all Boonville civic and fraternal organizations was presented to the donor.

Following the ceremonies at the courthouse a program was presented at the Clarke gymnasium, which was not large enough to accommodate the large crowd. Score of persons could not find even standing room. Speakers besides the governor were Fortune, Barker, Philip Lutz, jr., of Boonville, state attorney-general; Judge Roscoe Kiper, chairman of the Indiana Industrial board, and Mayor Floyd Nester of Boonville. John M. Kohlmeier, president of the Warrick County Historical Society, presided.

Governor McNutt declared that Lincoln chose his destiny while living in southern Indiana.

MANY HAVE LOST FAITH

"He came often to Boonville to watch court procedure, to talk with men learned in the law, and to borrow books. He chose his destiny while here and his destiny was our destiny."

"In these times there are many persons who have lost all faith. They fear communism and technocracy. They say the people are dull-witted, vain and insolent and have wandered from the paths of their forefathers."

"There were prophets of evil in

Lincoln's day also and they, like those today, could not vision the future.

"History moves in cycles and although the present generation probably has seen more fundamental changes than any other, it is not suffering any more hardships than Lincoln did."

"Lincoln gave his life for his country and if we are worthy of the heritage we must keep our heads and preserve our fundamental institutions."

"Southern Indiana should be proud that Lincoln spent 14 years here and we should regain his supreme faith in his fellow beings. Is it not time that we choose our destinies and resolve that our government shall not perish?"

Fortune told of Lincoln's early life in Indiana and declared that if all men were like the emancipator the millennium would be reached.

SCENE OF BOYHOOD

He asserted that the erection of the memorial on the spot where the Lincoln family, 103 years ago turned its oxen north and started for Illinois, brought Lincoln back to the scene of his boyhood days.

Fortune praised Honig's work in executing the busts, and said the Evansville man had brought out Lincoln's characteristics better than any other sculptor.

Lutz said erection of the memorials was the realization of a wonderful dream.

He declared that Governor McNutt like Lincoln, had been chosen by Providence for great work and that the governor had made an auspicious start.

"The governor has been given sweeping powers, but only for the benefit of the state," Lutz asserted.

Honig, Mrs. McNutt and Judge John E. Iglehart, president emeritus of the Southwestern Indiana Historical society, were presented to the audience.

The program at the gymnasium was opened with a concert by the Shrine band of Hadi temple, Evansville, under the direction of Albert Inman. The invocation was given by the Rev. R. H. Toole and the benediction by the Rev. W. M. Hawley. Miss Olive O'Neil sang a solo.

Preceding the dedication ceremonies a luncheon in honor of Governor McNutt, Fortune, Barker, Kiper and Lutz was given at the St. Charles hotel.

On his way to Boonville, Governor McNutt stopped at Lincoln City and placed a wreath on the grave of Nancy Hanks Lincoln, the emancipator's mother. Before leaving Boonville for Indianapolis he visited Ed Kirsh, a disabled war veteran.

The committee in charge of arrangements for the dedication was composed of Judge Kiper, Ernest W. Owen, Lutz, Kohlmeier, Mayor Nester, Edward Bracher, Jerry Smith, William E. Stevens, Miss Fannie McCulla, Mrs. Andrew Hopkins, Mrs. Maud Kiper and Mrs. T. M. Scales.

Delegations were present from Evansville, Newburg, Jasper, Yankee-town, Huntingburg, Otwell, Rockport, Winslow, Lynnville, Mt. Vernon, Chandler, Grandview, Elberfeld, Tell City, Cannellton, Oakland City, Dale, Princeton, New Harmony, Chrisney, Petersburg, Ft. Branch, Haubstadt, Cynthiana, Richland and Gentryville.

ews From Indiana

3,000 See Lincoln Statue Unveiled At Boonville, Hear McNutt Address

[Special to The Indianapolis Star.]

BOONVILLE, Ind., Feb. 12.—The Lincoln family turned its oxen north at the Warrick county Courthouse square and started for Illinois in 1830.

Today the Courthouse square was the site of a ceremony dedicating monuments to Abraham Lincoln and William L. Barker, student of Lincoln's life in this district.

The dedication and unveiling services were attended by 3,000 persons, among them state dignitaries including Governor Paul V. McNutt, Attorney General Philip Lutz Jr., Roscoe Kiper, chairman of the state industrial board, and William Fortune of Indianapolis, native of Boonville and announced as donor of the markers.

Resolutions Honor Fortune.

A resolution of appreciation to Mr. Fortune signed by representatives of more than fifty organizations of Boonville was presented by John H. Kohlmeier, president of the Warrick County Historical Society, who was master of ceremonies.

When Lincoln lived on his father's farm seventeen miles from here he often came to Boonville to hear court trials and to borrow books from the library of John A. Brackenridge. The years he spent as a youth in this territory formed the subject of Governor McNutt's address, who was the chief speaker at the dedication. The state executive, addressing the crowd in Clarke gymnasium, stressed the leading part that faith played in Lincoln's life, particularly faith in the government of the United States. Warrick county is greatly honored, he said, to be able to dedicate the marker in the memory of Lincoln, who spent fourteen formative years of his life here.

Lincoln Student Praised.

The Governor also paid tribute to Mr. Barker, stating that he knew of no precedent in which a monument was erected to a man still living.

"One of the richest heritages left us by Lincoln," said Governor McNutt, "was the faith in the ability of the people to govern themselves."

"There were prophets of evil in Lincoln's day, and there are prophets of evil today who say that our country is passing into the fate that befell Rome. It is high time for us to harken back to the man who had faith in the people, that from him we might gain renewed faith that a government of the people shall not fail."

Governor McNutt reminded the audience that none of the hardships or privation of these days can compare with the hardships through which Lincoln and the pioneers of his day passed.

Busts by Hoosier Sculptor.

Mr. Fortune spoke briefly of the research into Lincoln's life carried on by Mr. Barker and introduced him.

The bronze busts which surmount the memorial markers were executed by George Honig, Evansville sculptor, who was presented to the audience by Attorney General Lutz. Mr. Honig prepared the Lincoln figure from the earliest known portrait, which has not previously been used for this purpose.

Prior to the program in the gymnasium, which included singing of "The Star Spangled Banner" by Miss Olive O'Neil, the unveiling services took place at the Courthouse square, Mr. Fortune drawing the draperies from the figure of Mr. Barker and Governor McNutt unveiling the Lincoln bust.

Wreath On Mother's Grave.

A banquet for the honored guests was held at noon, attended by 126 persons. Mr. Kiper was toastmaster. A concert was presented by the Hadi Shrine band of Evansville.

En route to the dedication services here Governor McNutt's party stopped at Lincoln City, where the executive placed a wreath on the grave of Nancy Hanks Lincoln.

Fallacious Lincoln Story Is Refuted By Boonville Writer

Lincoln Worship at Mother's Grave Related by Josephine Owens Taylor

Boonville Express 2-12-37

"There is much Lincoln history in the Lincoln country, in southern Indiana, which has never been published. As the birthday of this great man nears each year, unpublished stories handed down from generation to generation are repeated.

"It has often been said of Abraham Lincoln that he never visited his Mother's grave at Lincoln City, that he never had a marker put up for her. That he never got a marker is correct, but, in those days it was not customary to get markers for graves, unless one was very wealthy, and Lincoln was not wealthy. If there were markers for every person who had died in the United States, there would be little room left for the rest of us. Who knows, probably in our own front yard there may have been an old burying ground? As to the fact that Lincoln did not visit his mother's grave, this is an error. Nancy Hanks Lincoln died October 5, 1818. She was buried upon a hill a quarter mile to the south from where their cabin stood. They dug a hole in the hard, dry earth and laid her away to rest in the little country cemetery which contained but few other graves.

This was a severe blow to little Abe, then only 9 years old. He always cherished the memory of his mother when she called him and his little sister, Sarah, to her bedside for a last parting. He gave her all the credit for what he attained in life in his words, "All that I am or hope to be, I owe to my Angel Mother."

On February 12, 1819, on his own tenth birthday, little Abe with his sister, Sarah, trudged over the frozen ground to the grave of their mother and there knelt down and offered a simple prayer.

Other times when the boy visited his mother's grave are not known but it is believed that he went often to be alone there with her memory.

The Lincolns left Indiana in March, 1830, and one of Lincoln's last acts before leaving Indiana for Illinois was to visit his mother's grave. Lincoln did not return to this section until 1844 when he came to Rockport to speak in behalf of Henry Clay's candidacy for president of the U. S. However, before leaving Spencer county he went to Gentryville and visited friends he had known, including William Jones, at the Jones store there. At that time, in company with several of his friends, he again visited the grave of his mother at Lincoln City. It was shortly after this visit that he wrote his poem about his old home and his boyhood days in Indiana, in which he told of his friends, some of whom were old and some of whom were dead.

Shortly after 1870, after Lincoln's death, a friend erected a very simple marker over Mrs. Lincoln's grave, with the inscription "Nancy Hanks Lincoln, Mother of President Lincoln, died Oct. 5, A. D. 1818, Aged 35 years." The marker probably did not cost over \$50. Each year on the birthday of Abraham Lincoln, the Boonville Press club has a short memorial ceremony and places a wreath on the grave of the woman who gave life to one of the greatest of the earth. It has been said that her grave in Indiana is the noblest monument of all to Abraham Lincoln.

The program this year will be conducted at 2:30 p. m., February 12, at the grave. Ernest W. Owen, president of the Boonville Press club, will be in charge of the program. Mrs. Blanche Hammond Camp will read an original poem on Nancy Hanks Lincoln, which she has dedicated to the Press club. Rev. R. Stanley Hendricks of Huntingburg will give a short talk.

NANCY LINCOLN PARK EXPANDED AND IMPROVED

Tract at Boonville Includes
1,700 Acres; Building New
Gate; 90,000 Fish Planted

BOONVILLE, July 4.—Recent acquisition of land, increasing the total to 1,700 acres, will bring important changes in Nancy Hanks Lincoln Park.

The new tract, purchased by the Indiana Lincoln Union for the state, will permit construction of a new entrance, to be reached from state highways 45 and 62, Walter R. Ritchie, park superintendent, said.

BETTER ACCESS TO PARK.

"The new entrance," Ritchie said, "will give better access to the park. It will be landscaped in keeping with the beautiful natural surroundings."

As it is now, Ritchie pointed out, persons wishing to enter the park must drive some distance from Gentryville before actually entering the preserve.

The park embraces land on which the Lincolns lived after coming to Indiana from Kentucky when Abraham was 8 years old. It includes the site of the Lincoln homestead, the grave of Nancy Hanks Lincoln, his mother; a trail leading to stones marking important dates in Lincoln's life, and recreational facilities.

BUILDING STONE GATE.

At the entrance a large gateway is being built of stone quarried within the park. Wings on either side will be 300 feet long.

Recreational facilities include tennis courts, softball diamond, children's playground equipment, picnic tables and ovens and Buckhorn Lake. There also are trails and shelter houses.

The lake was opened to fishermen for the first time this Spring. Stocked with 90,000 fish, the lake covers thirty-one acres. Five fish hatchery ponds adjoin the lake.

Other park improvements include the addition of new filtering equipment for drinking water and landscaping.

There are enough doubles in Hoosier Lincoln history to give any student of that history the headache. As our readers are aware, the editor has separated the two Yellow Banks, and the two Jones' stores have been mentioned; and now another problem of duplication is in hand, namely: Was it Lawyer John C. Breckenridge that Abe Lincoln heard at the murder trial, or was it Lawver John A. Breckenridge? We trust to be able to give the answer some day. Who can help?

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LINCOLN HISTORY STORIES

Where Did Lawyer Brackenridge
Snub Abe Lincoln

There is something mysterious concerning some of the Lincoln history stories long accepted as true.

Some weeks ago a correspondent in Florida asked a question about the lawyer who snubbed Lincoln at the murder trial: which was correct, the John C. Breckenridge mentioned in some Kentucky school texts, or the John A. Brackenridge as given by the Indiana historians? And the result of his research was that it could not have been the John C. Breckenridge of near Elizabethtown, Ky., for the reason that he was only fourteen years of age in 1828—the year of the supposed trial—and the Indiana historians are right.

Then the question came up: "How early was John A. Brackenridge practicing law in the Warrick county courts?" The most definite statement we have found is contained in Goodspeed's History of Warrick, Spencer and Perry Counties, page 66 — "In September, 1831, John A. Brackenridge was fined \$1 for contempt of court. This man had already become a prominent lawyer."

But there is no definite statement of how early he became a prominent lawyer. Through Thomas W. Dillingham, of Boonville, we learned that the Warrick records show that he was married to Isabella H. McCulla April 2, 1827, and the ceremony was by Joseph Pierson. This may have been a daughter of James McCulla, who entered land near Boonville in 1819, and Brackenridge may have lived at the home of his wife's folks.

Local historians have assured the writer that the Warrick county court records are the most perfect of any in southern Indiana, and they do not show a murder case in 1823, the year that Brackenridge is supposed to have snubbed Abe Lincoln. Furthermore, the authority mentioned above states, on page 68, "At the October term, 1839, Howell Furdue was indicted for the murder of Robert Kair. This was the first murder trial begun in the Warrick courts, although several prosecutions for assault and battery with intent to kill had taken place before. . . ."

And this statement is indefinite as to a murder trial having been heard on a change of venue from some other county. There is much to be hunted for before careful historians will consider the matter settled.

The Goose Trial of Neighbors

And now a correspondent in Ohio wants the names of the Lincoln neighbors who "fell out" over a goose and wanted to take the matter to court, but before the trial was under way Abe made such sport of the affair that the litigants did not appear in court and the suit was dismissed.

The writer can not give the names of the litigants nor find any real substantiation for the story in documentary or tradition. It may be one of those mythical affairs that has crept into history—and it may have a good foundation.

The Soft Soap Church Trial

However, from the descendants of Mrs. Reuben Grigsby, Jr., comes this amusing story:

Certain women of the Lincoln neighborhood whose names are unknown became involved in some trouble over some soft soap, until the matter was made a church affair and, of course, each side had friends.

The matter evidently grew into some proportions as it is said that a council was called, and this would include the pastor and delegates of other churches. On the day set apart for the trial, the clergy and delegates were present as were the principal litigants, character witnesses, and many visitors.

From a disinterested viewpoint it was an amusing affair—this having a church trial over some soft soap, and "Aunt Betsy" is quoted as saying: "One of the character witnesses refused to testify for either side but persisted in saying it was good soft soap."

Whether the prosecution or the defendant won is not revealed, but, it was a church sensation of the day.

It is possible that the records of the "Little Pigeon Baptist Church" might have some statement of the affair, as they are still in existence.

Additional Brackenridge Data

In regard to the Brackenridge episode, a niece of Mr. Brackenridge now living in Boonville, states that John A. Brackenridge married Miss Isabella Helena McCulla in Boonville April 2, 1827, but did not live in Boonville until two years later—and that would be in the spring of 1829. After practicing law for some years in Boonville he moved to Navidad, Jackson county, Texas, where he died in 1862. He was the father of three sons—George, James and Robert; and a daughter who died early in life and is buried near Boonville.

Robert became a physician.

George became a noted capitalist and philanthropist of San Antonio, Texas; and at the outbreak of the Civil War went to Washington, D. C., with a letter of introduction from his father, and President Lincoln assigned him to the Treasury Department and, after New Orleans was captured, was sent to that city to represent the

He was also entrusted

with other important duties on the Mexican border.

This data supplied through the efforts of our good friend, Thomas J. Dillingham, of Boonville. This and other data may appear again some time when we can present it in entirety.

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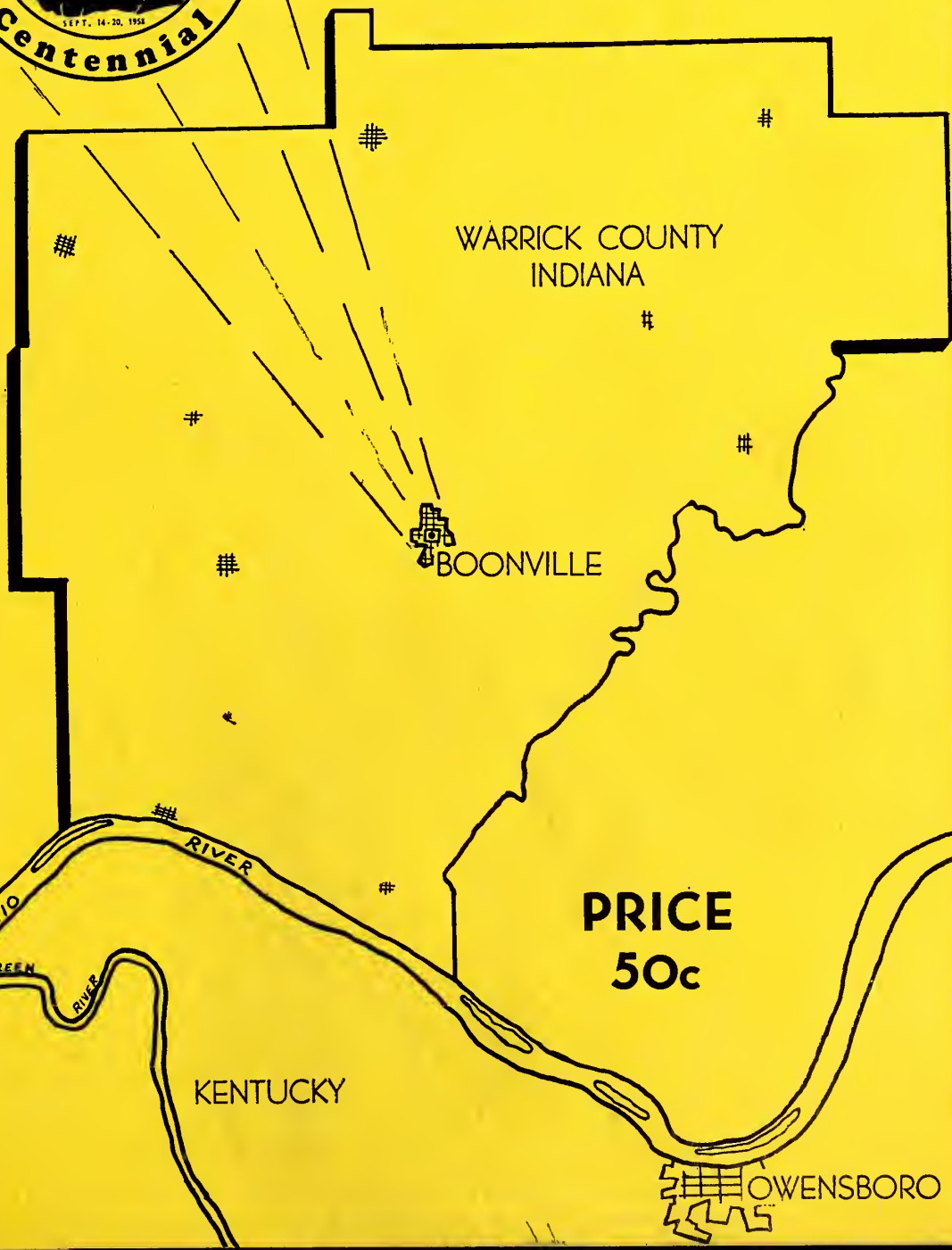
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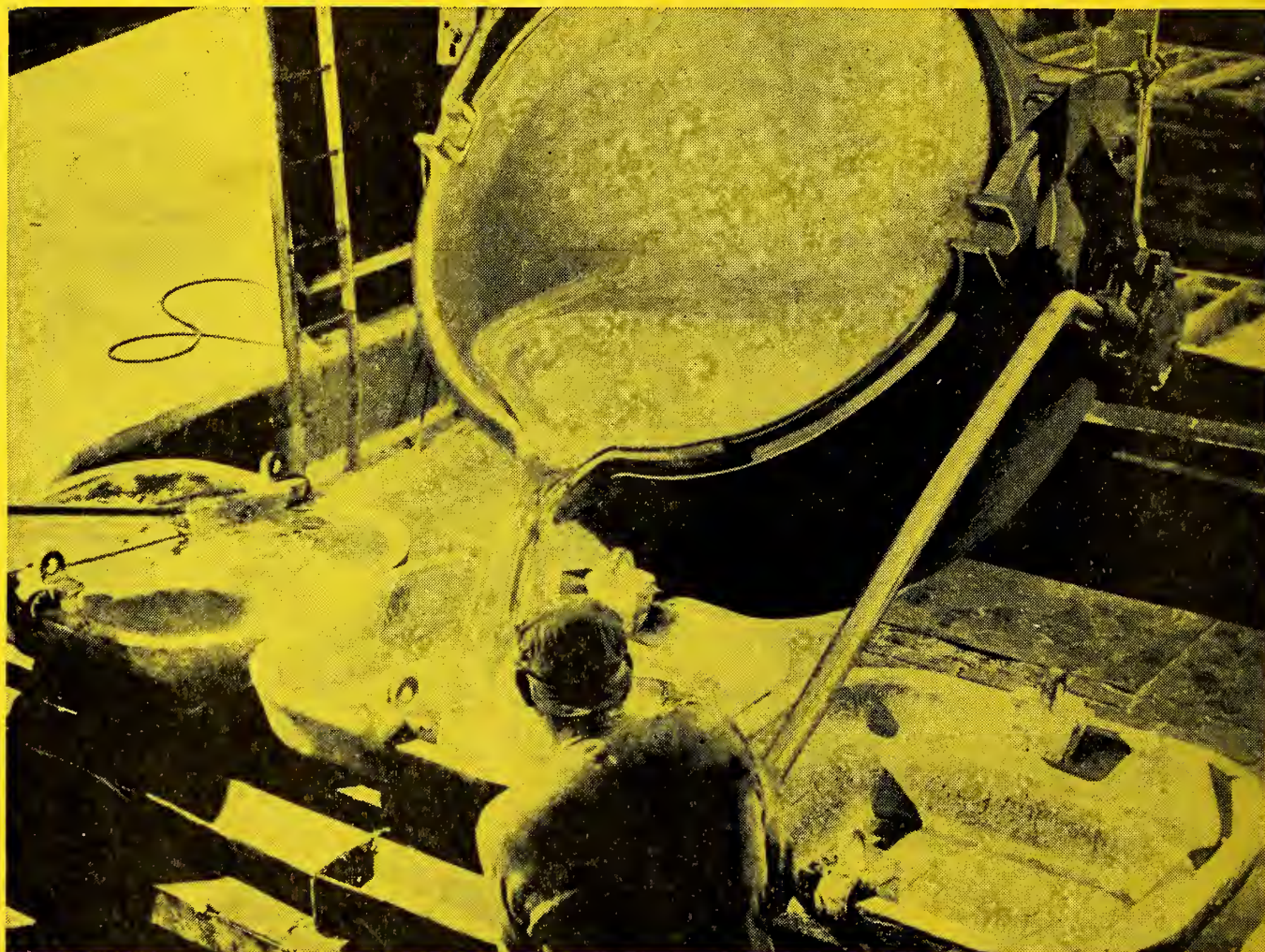
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Welcome To Boonville . . .

During the Centennial the entire attention of the Tri-State area is being focused on our city which is celebrating the 100th anniversary of its incorporation. It is hoped that the week's festivities will prove entertaining and enjoyable for not only our own citizens, but for all our visiting neighbors, friends and distinguished guests as well.

But it is also our desire that the significance of the celebration and the purpose for which it is being conducted will not be lost in the gaiety of the activities. An examination of the historical data on display during the celebration will disclose the progress the city has made in the past 100 years, and our gratitude goes out to our preceding city administrations and our civic minded citizens of the past.

This is also an occasion when we should dedicate ourselves to the continued development and future progress of our community through active participation and cooperation in all civic projects for improvement.

So it is with an attitude that is mindful and appreciative of our distinguished past and hopeful of our future, that we wish the celebration success and welcome our friends and guests.

ALBERT ASHLEY

Mayor, City of Boonville



BOONVILLE OFFICIALS, 1958. First row (from left), members of the City Council: Clifford White, Orgle E. Myers, Revis A. Campbell, V. Lloyd Hadley and Sanford Champlin. Seated, left, Don R. Ashley, City Attorney; center: the Honorable Albert Ashley, Mayor of the City of Boonville; right, Ethel Barclay, clerk-treasurer. Standing in the rear are Fire Chief Don Wilder (left) and Chief of Police Paul Houston.

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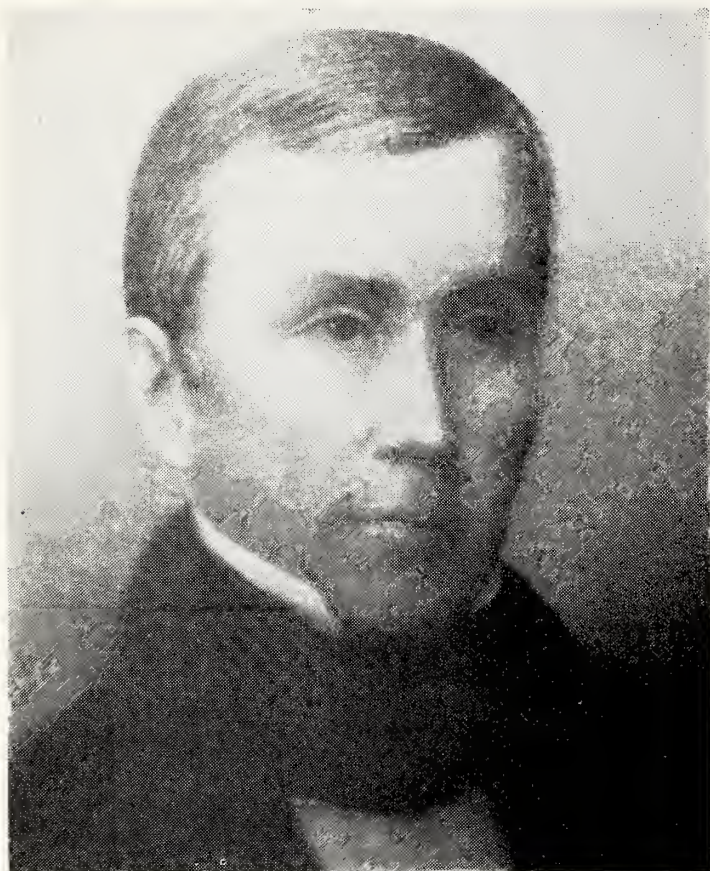


CENTENNIAL DIVISION HEADS — From left: Robert Shelton, Paul Houston, John L. Roth, Roger Sullivan, Arlie Phillips, Mrs. Robert Gray, Robert O. Barker, George Elzer, Ford Gale Lacey, Ralph Hutchinson.

Origin of Boonville's Name

Boonville bears the family name of Ratliff Boon, Warrick county's most illustrious citizen and public official. Whether or not it was named for Ratliff, as is generally stated, or for his father, Jesse, or a son, as some historians assert, undoubtedly Ratliff Boon was most influential in the establishment of Boonville and Boon Township in which it is located.

Ratliff Boon was a cousin of Kentucky's famed Daniel Boone. Daniel's father, Squire Boone, was a brother to Ratliff's grandfather, Joseph Boon. They were sons of George Boone III, a Quaker, born in England in 1666, emigrating to Pennsylvania in 1717.



RATLIFF BOON

January 18, 1781-November 20, 1844

Ratliff Boon came to the Warrick county area in 1809, was commissioned a lieutenant in the territorial militia in 1812 and rose to Colonel of the Tenth Regiment in 1817. With the formation of Warrick county in 1813, he was the first county treasurer and was active in public life for 25 years. He was a member of the territorial assembly and each house of the state legislature. He was Lieutenant Governor of Indiana, 1819-1824, and was acting governor of Indiana in 1824, from September 12 to December 4. In the U. S. Congress he was a member of the House for five terms during 1824-1838. He was President Jackson's "faithful among the faithless." In 1838 he moved to Missouri and is buried in Louisiana cemetery in Pike County of that state.

In 1831 Ratliff Boon built a frame house at 116 N. 1st St. in Boonville and the original structure still stands at that address, but is altered considerably by remodelling.

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Our Boonville

*Once, in the long, long years ago,
Oh, 'twas a hundred or more, I know,
When our forefathers cleared these lands,
And built their cabins with hurried plans,
Brave were their hearts; steady their aim
As they hunted the deer, and other game.
And now, we look with an honest pride
To these early days when men's souls were tried.
But oh, their hearts were strong and true
For the rugged work that they must do.*

*And after a time these farmers came
To build a town — Boonville, by name.
Some, tired of growing corn and oats
So, brushed the hay seeds off their coats,
And settled here to live in style,
And wear store clothes most all the while.
So, after many years had passed,
And our good town was growing fast,
'Twas a city in 1858.
And with other cities in the Tri-State,
Our own dear Boonville ranked first rate!*

*And in modern times, how do we rate? —
There's no better town in all our state.
Our folks are friendly; their purpose true;
To serve the public as they should do!
Our schools; our churches; our stores are good,
Promoting a worthy brotherhood.*

EPILOGUE

*I've wandered far in our own blessed land,
From north to south, and over desert sand,
And many the friends I've made along the way;
Good friends, they were, and a blessing every day.
But the ones I love — no matter where I roam,
Are the ones I trust around my Boonville home.
So, on with the play; may all of us be gay;
It's Boonville's happy time — it's Boonville's Day!*

— Irvin E. Perigo
"Indiana's Poet-Pianist"

BOONVILLE'S BACKGROUND

In this centennial year of 1958, Boonville completes a century of municipal government. In its 100 years of incorporation Boonville was a town with a board of trustees until 1906 when it became a city governed by a mayor and common council.

Boonville had existed as a community with a platted street system for 40 years before incorporation in 1858. A commission authorized by the Indiana legislature in 1818 selected the present site of Boonville, to be the location of a new county seat for the revised Warrick County. Large areas of Warrick, on the east and west, had been ordered removed for the formation of Spencer and Vanderburgh counties, and a county seat nearer to the center of the reshaped county appeared to be more desirable than where it then was at Darlington, near the Ohio river about two miles east of the mouth of Cypress creek.

Originally, as created by an act of the Indiana territorial government, effective April 1, 1813, Warrick County included all the land bounded by the Ohio and Wabash rivers south of Rector's Base Line, which runs east and west about five miles north of Boonville from a point on the Wabash river just north of New Harmony to the Ohio river at Leavenworth. Its first county seat was the then village of Evansville, from June 13, 1814, until the change to Darlington, September 1, 1814. Out of "mother Warrick" were formed most of the areas of Posey, Vanderburgh, Spencer and Perry counties. Prior to the formation of Warrick County, this area was a part of Knox County which included all the western part of Indiana with its seat of government at Vincennes, also the territorial capital.

WARRICK'S EARLIEST SETTLERS

The settlement of Warrick's area began in 1803 with John Sprinkle's arrival at the site of Newburgh, where he set up a smithy. For years he was a "squatter." General Washington Johnston ("General" was his first name) made the first land purchase in Warrick from the government in 1807, entering 205 acres at the site of Newburgh. In 1807 Bailey Anderson located near Cypress Creek and the Ohio river and lived in a tree (long afterwards called "Bailey's Roost") while building his home. In 1809 Ratliff Boon moved to Warrick's area, at the age of 28, and settled near Bailey Anderson, the father of Ratliff's wife, Deliah.

One local historian has reported the erection of a block-house fort about 1807 at the site of the Public Square in Boonville for protection of a stopping point on a trail between Vincennes and the Ohio river at the mouth of Cypress creek which was used as early as 1787.

The wilderness along the Ohio river was being populated rapidly by 1810 and river traffic was increasing. A list of items aboard 197 flat-boats and 14 keel-boats that passed the present place of Louisville, within two months late in 1810, included: 18,611 barrels of flour, 2,373 barrels of whiskey, 3,759 barrels of apples, 64,750 pounds of butter, 681,900 pounds of bulk pork and 520 barrels of packed pork, 14,390 tame fowls, 1,484 pounds of thread, 154,000 pounds of rope-yarn, 1,700 bushels of corn, 286 slaves—and 59 pounds of soap!

Indians were to have left Warrick under terms of the treaties of 1803 and 1804 between Governor Wil-

liam Henry Harrison and the big chiefs of the Shawnee, Delaware and Piankeshaw tribes. Small bands of Indians continued to remain in the area, remaining with their "local chiefs" who were not willing to recognize the treaties. Shawnees, under Chief Settedown (or Set-te-tah), remained near Cypress and Little Pigeon creeks and grazed cattle on the west part of what is now Boonville. Ill-feeling between the Indians and settlers soon arose over disputed land privileges.

THE EVENTFUL YEAR OF 1811

Exit of the Indians—In May, 1811, occurred the now famous "Meeks Massacre." Atha (Athe) Meeks and his son, William, had both built cabins on Little Pigeon creek a few miles from the Ohio river. Close by dwelt the Shawnee Chief, Set-te-tah (Setteedown), who preferred to live apart from his tribe. Disputes had arisen between the two, resulting in the elder Meeks being killed, as he stepped from his cabin door, by Indians of Setteedown's tribe, who had previously surprised but only wounded another son of Meeks, Atha, Jr. William Meeks obtained the aid of a keel-boat crew at a settlement on the Ohio river at the head of French Island, and they were joined by other settlers. Under the leadership of Ratliff Boon, the remaining Indians were driven from the Warrick county region and their cattle and horses were confiscated. A large number of them were given to the widow Meeks.

Natural phenomena—An earthquake, the most severe in this area's history, persisted with its tremors for weeks in 1811 and left a lasting reminder in Reelfoot Lake which it formed in Tennessee—a blazing comet dominated the skies for over a month and became known as "The Great Comet of 1811"—these set the settlers agog and caused a great upsurge of religious "revivals." Surely events of great influence were taking place and the settlers were preparing for the new and unexpected as Warrick's history was about to unfold.

A man-made phenomena appeared—down the Ohio river in 1811 came the first smoke-belching steamboat, the "New Orleans," built and piloted by Captain Nicholas J. Roosevelt, ancestor of President "Teddy" Roosevelt. A side-wheeler, it made the entire trip from Pittsburgh to New Orleans in the reported time of 14 days.



OLD COURTHOUSE — This was Warrick County's courthouse, 1851-1904. It was located in the center of the public square amid many towering trees.

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A new transportation era had opened. Later (1815) Captain Roosevelt purchased river-front land in Warrick, above Newburgh.

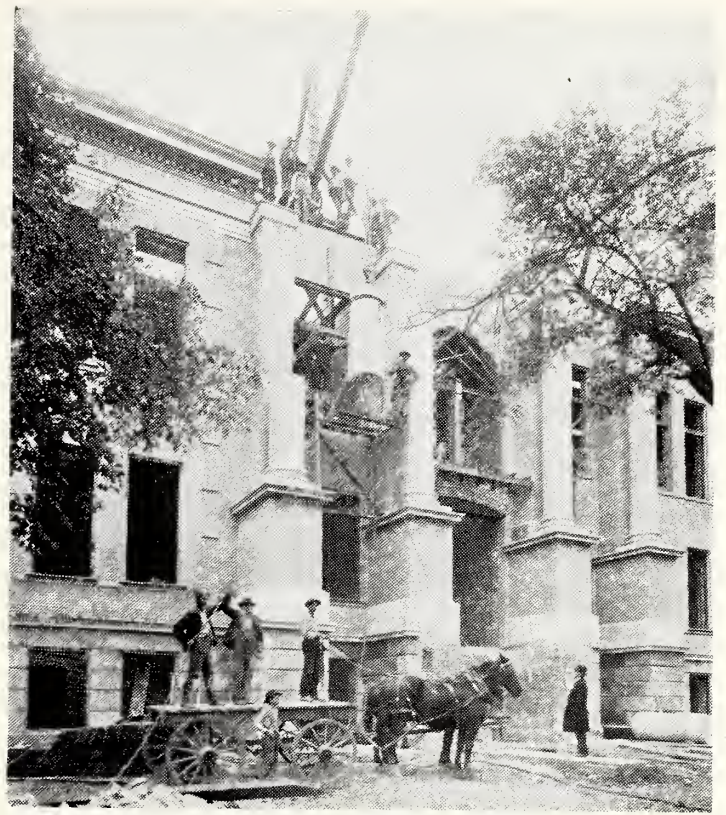
The Indian's expulsion from various local areas came to a climax on November 7, 1811, in the Battle of Tippecanoe, where Governor William Henry Harrison's army of about 910 regulars, militia and volunteers defeated the Indians led by the Prophet and ended the Indian problems of this region forever. Among those who met heroic death in that battle was Capt. Jacob Warrick, for whom Warrick County was named when formed less than two years later. He was a man of considerable property, had settled in the area where Owensville is now located, had chased the Indians from that locality and was commissioned a captain in the Knox County militia in 1808.

Also in 1811—statehood for Indiana was petitioned in a memorial to the U. S. Congress by the territorial assembly; it failed, but success came a few years later (1816)—and the voting privilege was extended to all adult taxpaying male citizens which included nearly all men because of a poll tax then existing.

These events of 1811 contributed to a feeling of community identity in social and political activities, paving the way for local county government soon to follow with the separation of Warrick and Gibson counties from the southern edge of Knox.

EARLY LEADERS OF WARRICK

Ratliff Boon was the dominant figure in the Warrick area at the time of the county's formation in 1813. He rose rapidly to political prominence, beginning as the



ERECTING THE PRESENT COURTHOUSE, 1904.



WARRICK COUNTY'S PRESENT COURTHOUSE WHEN NEW — This picture was taken within a year or two after the courthouse was built in 1904. In 1906 the Heinze building was built on the north side of the square in the vacancy shown at the left in the photo. Note the clock, a gift of Herbert Hoggatt, has not been installed.

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first county treasurer, and advancing through territorial and state offices to several years' tenure in the U. S. Congress. In 1816 Boon township was formed out of Anderson township and supposedly named for Ratliff Boon. Others of influence in the formation period were Hugh McGary and Robert M. Evans, founders of Evansville; and Daniel Grass of Rockport. A conference between these gentlemen is reported to have been held in the courthouse at Darlington about 1816, with their agreement resulting in the creation of Vanderburgh and Spencer counties as a compromise of their struggle for political power. Also present was a young man of about 15 years, Joseph Lane, employed at the courthouse as a clerk, who years later took credit for suggesting the compromise. He became prominent as a state legislator, general in the Mexican war, governor of Oregon territory, U. S. Senator and candidate for vice-president on the ticket with John C. Breckenridge in 1860.

Abraham Lincoln regularly visited in Warrick during the "formative years" of his life, ages 7-21, while he lived a couple of miles east of Warrick. He visited the court at Boonville and became a friend of the pioneer lawyer of Warrick, Judge John A. Brackenridge, and is said to have borrowed law books from him.

In 1830 the Lincoln family moved to Illinois. The route of their travels, in this exit from their Indiana home, has been variously disputed. After weighing briefs from seven communities, an Indiana State Commission determined that the Lincolns passed through northeastern Warrick County, via Selvin, enroute to Vincennes where they crossed into Illinois.

In the "Boonville Brief" it was shown by a great weight of evidence, which was not convincingly contradicted, that the Lincolns came to Boonville in March of 1830 on their way to Illinois and spent two nights "on the road" with friends in Warrick County. So certain are the citizens of Boonville of this, such facts are set forth on a bronze marker erected on the Public Square in 1934.

Lincoln returned in 1844 to Boonville, from Illinois, to visit his esteemed counselor, John A. Brackenridge. Both were then presidential electors of the Whig party for Henry Clay.

BOONVILLE'S BEGINNING

The Indiana legislature, by an Act of January 7, 1818, appointed a commission of John Tipton (Harrison County), Zachariah Lindley (Orange County), James B. Slaughter (Harrison County), Roland B. Richards (Gibson County) and David Edwards (Posey County) to fix the new seat of justice of Warrick County. A report signed by Tipton, Lindley, Edwards and Slaughter, dated March 19, 1818, stated they had received by donation 175 acres of land for the site of the "permanent seat of justice of Warrick County" from John Barker (60 acres), William Berry (60 acres), Richard Stephens (30 acres) and William Barker (25 acres). The original plat of the town, surveyed May 15, 1818, shows 25 blocks divided into 104 lots, bounded by Gum Street, Fifth Street, Elm Street and First Avenue. The county agent was John Hargrave, who made the first sale of lots on June 4-6, 1818. Fifty-six lots brought \$3,057.75. Lots in the new county seat were also exchanged for lots in the former, Darlington.

The earliest residents of Boonville were: Nathaniel Hart, Adam Young, John Upham, James McCulla,

Samuel Steele, Adam Youngblood, and Dr. Alvah Pasco, who died in 1824. Dr. Reuben C. Matthewson located in Boonville in 1825.

Boonville grew slowly; in 1830 there were 30 houses and a population number at 87, but even so Newburgh then had only 37. Later while river traffic dominated all commerce, Newburgh was Warrick's leading city, until the advent of the railroad placed Boonville in prominence again.

TRANSPORTATION PRIOR TO 1858

TRAILS AND ROADS—Earliest routes were "trails" of buffalo and Indians. "Yellow Banks trail" crossed the Ohio River at Owensboro, Ky., and passed through the area of Selvin in the northeast part of Warrick County to the forks of White river north of Petersburg. Another trail led from Newburgh to Boonville and eastward. A popular trail came from the "salt works" near Shawneetown, Ill., along the north side of the Ohio river, through the site of Newburgh to Fredonia, Indiana, and on to Louisville. These early trails later became roads.

In 1815-1830 public roads were opened from Newburgh to Corydon and Petersburg via Boonville. An 1817 law compelled all men, 18-50, to work six days each year on public roads.

John Hathaway, in 1824, was licensed to operate a ferry across the Ohio river at Newburgh. Rowland Ellis was his surety. Fares: 25¢ for "man and horse," 12¢ for each person, 6¼¢ each for cattle and sheep, and 3¢ per hog. In 1826 the ferry was taxed \$5.

Moses Matthewson was authorized to operate a ferry across Little Pigeon creek around 1828.

About 1830 a "plank road" was built from Newburgh to Boonville, by a company headed by A. M. Phelps; cost, \$1300 per mile. It was surveyed by Chester Elliott.

RAILROADS—In 1843 a meeting was held in Boonville to consider building a railroad to Evansville. Chester Elliott (surveyor of plank road) urged the most economical type: single rail and a wheel-barrow. Whereupon the meeting adjourned.

RIVER TRANSPORTATION—Hundreds of Flat-boats and Keel-boats each year were built in southern Indiana and floated downstream to markets with surplus products and crops of Warrick and other counties. By 1850 the steamboat was dominating the river traffic. Coal mines were opened on the Ohio river near Newburgh to supply the newer coal-burning types. Newburgh was the leading "river port" of Warrick. Other loading points on the Ohio river for Warrick wares were: Johnson's Landing south of Yankeetown and French Island, a town further upstream.

THE CANAL ERA IN WARRICK—In 1836 Indiana entered upon the gigantic canal building program. The Wabash and Erie Canal system was designed to connect Lake Erie with the Ohio River at Evansville. It consisted of several canals; through the western part of Warrick was routed the Pigeon creek section of the Central Canal. Within a year, this section was completed from Evansville nearly to Petersburg—but Pigeon Creek was nearly dry and the canal had no water for its use. Faulty work, loose earth fills and muskrats caused leakages and the canal lay idle most of the time. Between 1845 and the early 1850's repeated efforts were made to reconstruct the canal in Warrick. It did provide good ice-skating in spots during the coldest periods of winters; financially it was a failure.

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The canal plans sparked enthusiasm for planners of new towns. Along its route in Warrick were platted the towns of Warrickton, Newark and Rochester (about 1837), and Millersburgh in 1850. Only the latter, with its previously established mill, prospered.

EARLY EDUCATIONAL EFFORTS

The first schools of Warrick were "subscription schools," with tuition subscribed by families who supported a teacher to conduct classes in the winter months. Usually the teacher was a single man and lived with the families in rotation.

School was "kept" in the Courthouse at Darlington in 1817. In 1818 a school was conducted two miles south of Boonville by a man named Moses.

Newburgh's first school-teacher was Surveyor Chester Elliott, who platted Newburgh and Boonville.

Under an 1824 Indiana school law, three school trustees in each county were elected to supervise school lands and schools. The school lands were each Section No. 16. Warrick had 11.

School-houses were built with the labor of all able-bodied males. The penalty for not working was 37½ cents per day. However, there were no schools built until ordered by voters. In 1826 the first county seminary fund in Warrick was started with funds from fines and militia exemption fees. By 1832 the fund amounted to \$193.03; in 1848 it had become \$2,240.05.

A County Seminary School, two stories of brick and stone with four rooms, was built at First and Walnut in Bonville in 1849 where Ella Williams School, first known as "City School," replaced it in 1901.

At Newburgh, Delaney Academy was founded by the Presbyterian Church with the aid of A. M. Phelps under the direction of Rev. Benjamin Hall. It was named for Rev. Henry F. Delaney, minister and lawyer of Morganfield, Ky., and was active as Warrick's earliest institution of higher learning between 1842-1867.

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1849—WARRICK COUNTY LAND FOR \$1.25 AN ACRE. Money from the sale of certain public lands was used to build the system of canals in Indiana.

PIONEER CHURCHES

The earliest religious services in Warrick were conducted by Protestant "circuit riders"—ministers who rode horse-back from one settlement to another.

Among the early Warrick ministers were: Joseph Arnold, William Webb, Isham West, Samuel Hartley, Thomas Davis, Samuel Youngblood, Thomas Fuller, John Youngblood, Samuel Julian, Larkin Burchfield, Eliber Holcomb, Jeremiah Cash, Joel Hines, Henry Hart, Claude Bethell and Daniel C. Banks.

These religious assemblies are among the first recorded:

1818 — Methodist services were held in the home of Daniel Frame near Darlington and the first Methodist Church was erected on his land in 1822 by Rev. John Youngblood.

1822 (Sept. 1) — First Presbyterian Church in Warrick was organized at home of Olney Hines, southwest of Boonville, Rev. Daniel C. Banks officiating.

1825 — Baptist services were held two miles south of Boonville, at site of Mt. Gilead Church property, by Rev. Benoni Stinson.

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TELEPHONE OFFICE IN BOONVILLE 60 YEARS AGO — The Cumberland Telephone Co. reported 100 telephones in use at Boonville in 1899. In photo, from left: Miss Sophia Ashley, Miss Annie Lauder, Jim Cody and John Fiegel, manager.



1825 — “New Hope” Presbyterian Church organized at home of Lain W. Posey, five miles north of Boonville. (Among the members was Israel Hemenway.)

1826 — Methodists organized a church at Newburgh; at Selvin in 1830.

Boonville’s first Methodist Church was built in 1839 on land deeded from James and Margaret McKean.

BOONVILLE 100 YEARS AGO

Warrick county was prospering in the 1850’s. Newburgh was its leading community with busy river traffic creating a bustling commercial center. Boonville, with a new and larger courthouse, situated in the grove of trees on the public square, was commanding more attention as county seat. Shipments of goods from Warrick were hastened over the plank road to Newburgh or by routes not so well paved to Johnson’s Landing and French Island or by canal to Evansville.

Coal was the new industry, meeting the demand for better fuel for steam power. Along the river close to Newburgh the “Phelps Bank” opened in 1850, the “Roberts Bank” in 1852 and the Hutchinson mine in 1856. Near Boonville, close to the present north end of Seventh Street, a coal mine of George E. Hart produced 25,000 bushels of coal in 1859 for sale in Boonville. From the Isaac Miller mine at Millersburgh came 100,000 bushels annually, and sold at ten cents per bushel, delivered several miles away.

In 1856 the Warrick County Agricultural Association was formed and land for the fairgrounds was purchased one mile west of Boonville, on which was erected a 3,000 seat amphitheatre and a “good half mile race track.” The fairs were held annually for 99 years.

During the 1850’s an “underground railway” operated through Warrick, northward from the Ohio river at the mouth of Little Pigeon creek, through Boonville, to Petersburg. The traffic passed mostly at night—escaping slaves from the South, enroute to Canada and freedom.

Boonville’s first newspaper, “The Tribune,” gave the town its own news in 1857. Its printing equipment was brought from Newburgh by a company headed by Boonville’s physician and civic leader, Dr. William L. Barker. In 1858 it became the “Boonville Democrat” and later, “The Enquirer.”

Hebron Lodge No. 144 of Odd Fellows was instituted July 18, 1854.

EVENTS OF 1858

1858 — Yankeetown was platted by John C. Frary, Warrick County Surveyor, as laid out by Thomas Day.

1858 — The German Methodists built a new church on South Fourth Street in Boonville at a cost of \$500.

1858 — Mass was celebrated for the first time in Boonville at the home of Benedict Gast by Rev. Christome Foffa. At the time there were seven Catholic families in the city.

1858 — Boonville’s Strangers Rest Lodge No. 240, F.&A.M. U.D. met for the first time, November 3, under a grant of dispensation; charter installed the next year.

1858 — Elkhorn Mills began operations in a building which still stands on Mill Street at Second in Boonville.

1858 — *Boonville’s Incorporation* — “On the second day of the September term, 1858, of the Board of Commissioners, William F. Parrett, Isaac W. Adams, Simon P. Lowe, James B. S. Moore and seventy others filed an application for the incorporation of the town of Boonville. The area asked to be incorporated was more than 174 acres. Upon full consideration by the Board, it was ‘ordered that said territory shall, with the assent of the qualified voters thereof, be an incorporated town by the name of Boonville, and that the Auditor give notice of a meeting at the court house in said town of Boonville, on the 30th day of September, 1858, to determine whether such territory shall be an incorporated town, by posting up at least ten manuscript notices within said territory of the time and place of said meeting.’ The result of this meeting was



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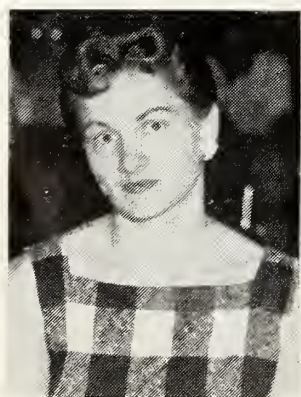
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the election of Chester Elliott, William L. Barker, Jacob Roehrig, T. W. Hammond, and John B. Hudspeth as Trustees of the town, who met on the 25th day of October, 1858, for the purpose of organization. Chester Elliott was made President of the Board. The first allowance for money by the Board was \$2 to W. H. H. Shelby for recording the town plat. This was on the 8th day of November, and at the same meeting Simon P. Lowe, Larkin L. Floyd and Reuben C. Mathewson were appointed Street Commissioners, and George P. Hudspeth, Charles Schneider and Grant T. Dunigan were appointed Fire Wardens, A. Miehle was Clerk, William Lankford Marshal and E. Broshears, Treasurer." (Goodspeed, 1885, page 77)

Another source relates: "At a special election held September 30, 1858, 48 voters favored incorporating the town and none opposed. The board of Commissioners accordingly ordered the town be incorporated."

The first town tax was fifteen cents per \$100 and a 25¢ poll tax.

BOONVILLE'S CENTENARIAN

At the time of Boonville's incorporation, there was born in Warrick, near Dickeyville, a person who is now completing the full century also. Residing at 112 W. Walnut in Boonville and observing his own centennial is:

JAMES THOMAS LESLIE

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THE CIVIL WAR AND WARRICK

Warrick county responded well to President Lincoln's call for volunteers. More of distinction is Warrick's renown for being the first area of the North invaded by Southern military forces. At Newburgh on July 18, 1862, a "rebel" group (later termed "marauders") under Adam R. Johnson, a Kentuckian who claimed military status, crossed the river with 32 others and plundered the town. Excitement ran high and two regiments of the Indiana Legion were mustered and sent to Newburgh.

Two armed steamboats raced upstream from Evansville. The raiders were not found—but the boat used in their crossing was located and destroyed. At the time, Newburgh had a military hospital with about 80 Union soldiers as patients.

WARRICK IN THE AGE OF THE IRON HORSE (1870-1890)

In 1873, after 30 years of plans and proposed railroads, the first train arrived in Boonville with a large delegation from Evansville.

It was the end of the line for the Lake Erie, Evansville and Southwestern Railway, later to become the Louisville, Evansville & St. Louis Railroad Co. (the "Airline"). In the 1880's the line was extended to Gentryville and connected to further extensions eastward. It is now a part of the Southern Railway System.

During the 1870's and 1880's there was much economic and social expansion. Farm lands were cleared and large acreages put into cultivation with the new mechanical equipment. Large homes, with gingerbread trim and spindle-posted porches dotted the landscape. Corn, wheat and tobacco dominated the agricultural scene. Mills and packing warehouses were in a

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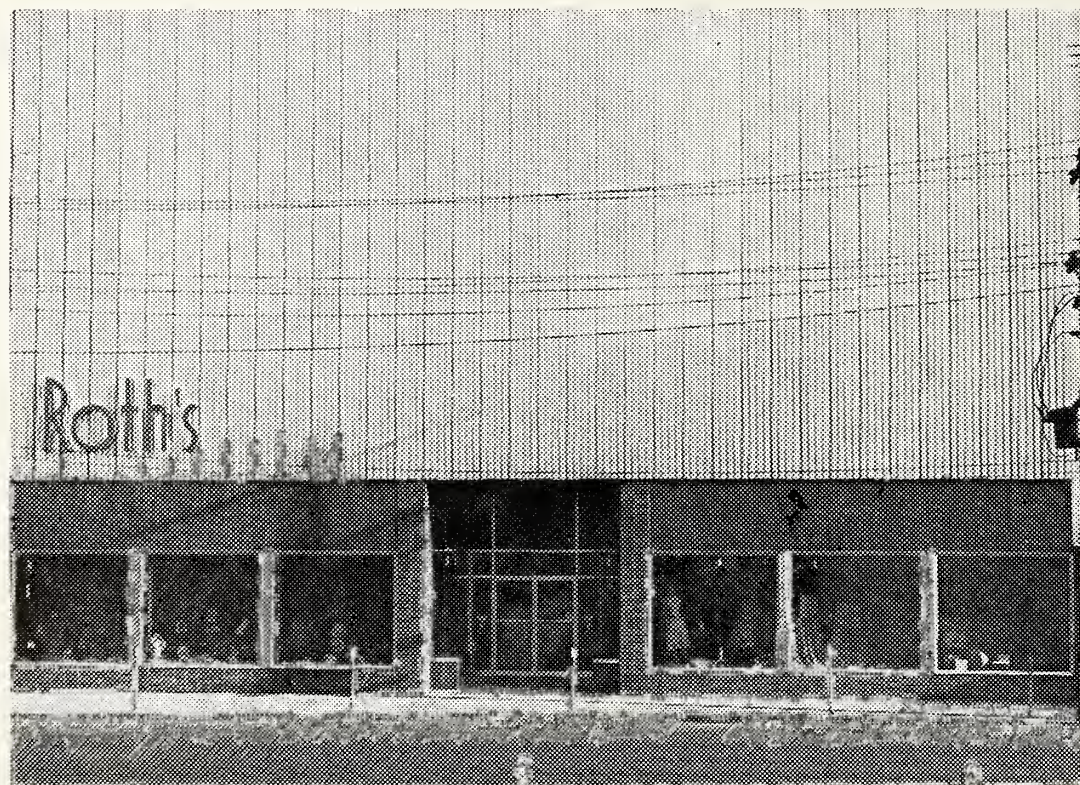


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dozen places throughout the county as Warrick led the state in tobacco production.

Boonville had its own bank in 1872, the Boonville Banking Co., which became the Boonville National Bank in 1874. The Peoples Bank was organized in 1895.

Along the steel trail of the "Iron Horse" sprang up towns: Chandler, Tennyson, Stevenson (formerly Raventad), Degonia and DeForrest.

In the 1880's, a railroad crossed the northwest corner of Warrick and was known as the "Straight Line." Elberfeld became a sizeable community and the main stop in Warrick for this railroad, the Evansville & Indianapolis Railway Co., now a part of the New York Central System.

The era of the "Iron Horse" introduced the age of mechanization to Warrick. Coal mines, now able to ship heavy loads to the big markets via railroad, sprang up along the railroad and by use of new mining machines brought the infant industry to maturity.

It was the period of "plush." Homes were crowded with decorations. Women bedecked themselves with many layers of clothes and men adorned their faces with luxuriant beards or other facial foliage. There was a pride in the look of "abundance."

Secret societies gathered their greatest percentage of the population and the Civil War ("war of the rebellion") was re-fought at reunions of the Grand Army of the Republic, a mammoth veterans organization, and further explained in countless columns of type. Never was a war so thoroughly reviewed.

TURN OF THE CENTURY (1890-1910)

Warrick's own Congressman, James A. Hemenway—representative for a dozen years and then U. S. Senator—and Warrick's own Governor of Alaska, Wilford

Hoggatt, brought recognition to Boonville from afar.

More "ribbons of steel" laced through Warrick's wonderland as the electric interurban systems connected Boonville and Newburgh to Evansville with extensions on to Rockport via Yankeetown.

The added rails of transportation gave rise to more mining. Coal production was becoming a major industry. Along the railroads were coal mines with fantastic names: "Caledonia," "Star No. 1," "Air Line," "Big Vein," "Castle Garden," "Erie Canal," "John Bull," "Big Four" and mines bearing the names of their energetic owners: DeForrest, Gough, Lauder, Hart, Brizius, Stone, Korff, Scales, Wooley and Kelly.

Boonville's Public Square was altered magnificently by the new Courthouse in 1904 (completed later with a four-face clock donated by Herbert E. Hoggatt) and the large Opera House bearing the name of its donor, C. C. Matthewson, popular Boonville druggist.

After erection of the new courthouse, the courtyard was shorn of its numerous large trees—possibly to erase the reminder of the dastardly deed on the night of December 17, 1900, when a mob hung Joseph Rolla to a tree on the courtyard after breaking into and removing him from the Warrick county jail, to which he had been brought from Rockport for safe-keeping. Two of his companions had been lynched and hung in Rockport the day before. They were the accused murderers of Hollie Simmons of Rockport.

Boonville had become the leading city in Warrick with a population of 5000. Newburgh, with 2000 in 1868, was down to about 900; Lynnville had 467, Tennyson 302, Yankeetown 209, Chandler 205, Elberfeld 200, Folsomville 160, with Millersburgh and Selvin having about 150 each. Warrick had grown up.

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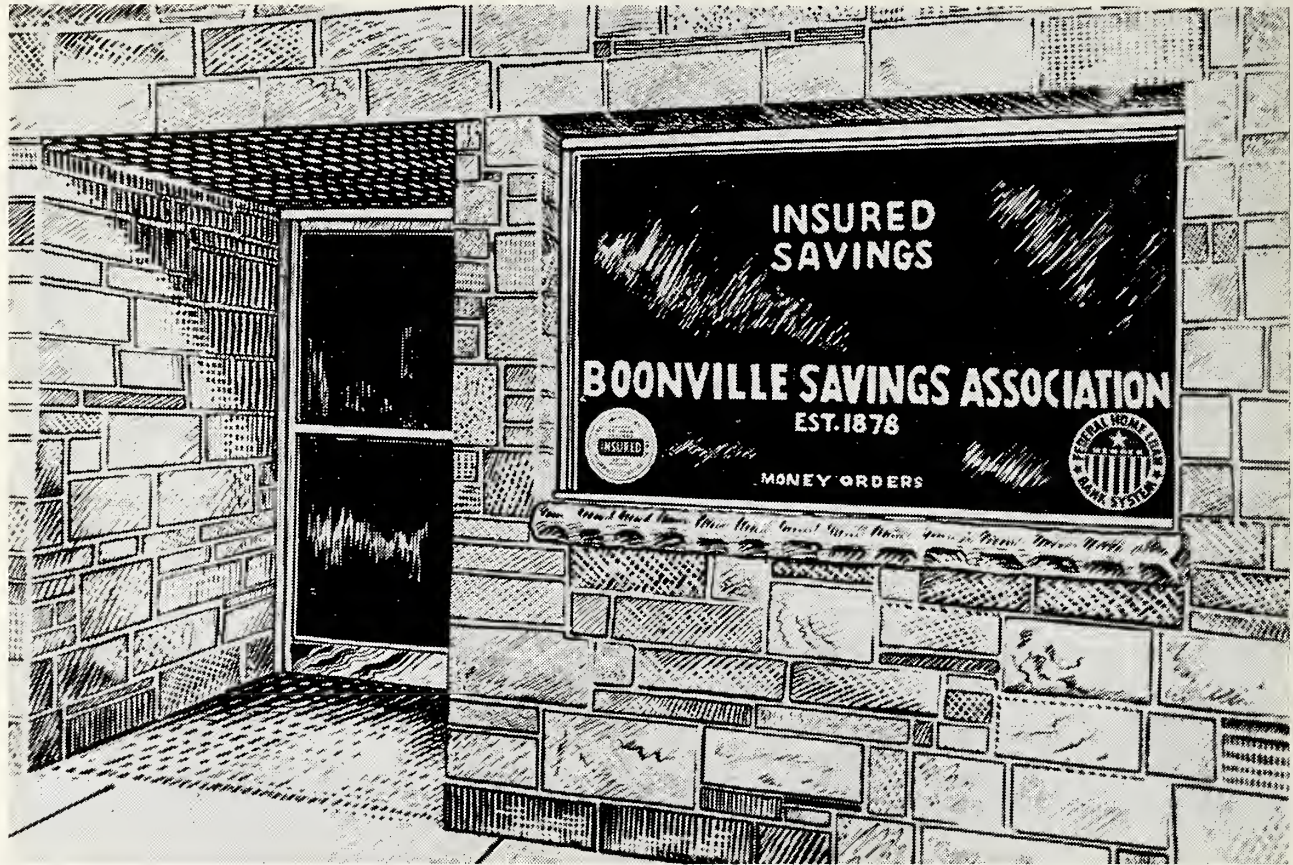
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Warrick and World War I

(Data from booklet of Warrick Post 200,
American Legion)

Warrick's Gold Star List, those who died in the service of their country during World War I:

Jacob H. Archelger
Opha Austill
Walter Broshears
Eugene Day
Benton Esby Day
Edgar C. Deneke
Charles Flack
Ralph Gammon
Joseph Grill
Oscar S. Hartig
Howard Held
Earl J. Hobson
George A. Hunt
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Bernard Nordhorn
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Earl Posey
Martin A. Roettger
Geo. Leslie Rhinefort
Gilbert Grover Riley
Benton A. Robertson
William Seiler
Omar Mertice Shelton
Clarence J. Splittorff
Ernest Small
Edward Oscar White
H. J. Winternheimer

On the home front Warrick's people responded dutifully; the following served as listed:

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Judge Marshall R. Tweedy	Roscoe Kiper
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Ellsworth Ferguson	Dr. W. P. Ford
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During 1918 Warrick's coal mines had hit their all-time high in production — 1,399,746 tons — to be exceeded only twice in the next twenty years.

With the end of World War I there came to a close a graceful period of history with a sudden change-over to new attitudes in social thinking, different customs, styles, habits — and a great expansion in the use of electrical and mechanized devices. This transition may be termed the "turbulence of the twenties."

In Memoriam

GUS G. ROTH

An irreplaceable loss was suffered by the Centennial Committee with the death of Boonville's well-known civic leader and friend, Gus Roth, on August 11, 1958. One of the first to volunteer for a centennial committee duty, Gus solicited support for this publication. Typical of his lifetime, he was successful and his centennial efforts were completed and his accounts in good order when he suddenly departed from our midst. But his enthusiasm, encouragement and service to Warrick's welfare remain strong in the memory of his associates—a tribute to his life.



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Most people recall the events of the 1920's from their own memories. For those who do not, and to cater to nostalgic whims of ones with dim recollections, an account of Boonville in the TWENTIES is included separately on page 37.

Boonville's historical background is suspended at this point for reason that events subsequent to those related are contemporary.

Mayors of the City of Boonville

(Prior to 1906 Boonville had a Town Board)

John Heinze	1906-1910
T. D. Scales	1911-1914
Jasper Thornburg	1915-1918
E. A. Jarrett	1919-1922
T. C. Mullins	1923-1926
A. C. Bryan	1927-1930
Floyd Nester	1931-1934
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BOONVILLE CENTENNIAL, SEPT. 14 TO 20, 1958

Saturday, Sept. 13, Pre-Centennial Events Day

- 7:00 A.M.—Kiwanis Annual Pan Cake Breakfast on Court House Lawn
- 9:00 A.M.—Bell Ringing, Whistles Blowing, Fireworks, Officially Proclaiming Old Fashioned Bargain Days in Local Stores
- 9:30 A.M.—Registration of Centennial Guests—Hospitality Center
- 12:00 P.M.—Costume Parade
- 9:00 P.M.—Coronation Ball—Legion Home, Elks Club, St. Clements Gym

Sunday, Sept. 14, Faith and Americanism Day

- 9:00 A.M.—Special Centennial Services in All Churches Attend the Church of Your Choice
- 1:00 P.M.—Promenade and View of Historical Windows
- 1:00 P.M.—Carnival Fun on the Midway
- 1:30 P.M.—Official Opening Antique Music Box Museum, 105 S. 2nd St.
- 2:30 P.M.—Grand Opening Parade. 50 Mechanized Military Vehicles, 400 Infantrymen in Full Battle Dress; Hundreds of Other Parade Units.
- 5:00 P.M.—Musical Chimes Concert by Joe Campbell.
- 5:30 P.M.—Retreat by Warrick Veterans' Posts—Court House Lawn.
- 7:30 P.M.—Band Concert—New Stadium.
- 8:00 P.M.—Premier Opening WARRICK WONDERLAND PAGEANT—New Stadium.
- 10:00 P.M.—Fireworks—New Stadium.

Monday, Sept. 15, Pioneer and Homecoming Day

- 9:00 A.M.—Registration of Guests at Hospitality Center.
- 10:00 A.M.—Shooting Match of Cap and Ball Rifles at Field at Foot of West Locust St. and Hwy. 62 West.
- 10:00 A.M.—Music Box Museum Opens.
- 11:00 A.M.—See the Historical Windows on Square.
- 1:00 P.M.—Fun on the Midway.
- 4:00 P.M.—Registration of Pies and Boxes for Old Fashioned Pie Supper.
- 5:00 P.M.—Award for Oldest Man and Oldest Woman During Pie Supper.
- 5:30 P.M.—Retreat by Warrick Veterans' Posts—Court House Lawn.
- 6:00 P.M.—Pioneer Parade—Southern Indiana Old Car Club as Guests.
- 7:30 P.M.—Old Time Fiddlers Contest—New Stadium.
- 8:00 P.M.—Second Presentation WARRICK WONDERLAND—New Stadium.
- 10:00 P.M.—Fireworks—New Stadium.

Tuesday, Sept. 16, Young America Day

- 9:00 A.M.—Registration of Guests at Hospitality Center.
- 10:00 A.M.—Opening of Music Box Museum.
- 11:00 A.M.—Special Events in Schools.
- 12:00 P.M.—See the Historical Windows in Boonville.
- 1:00 P.M.—Diaper Derby—Court House Lawn.
- 2:00 P.M.—Baby Beauty Contest—Court House Lawn.
- 3:00 P.M.—Tricycle Race—Court House Lawn.
- 4:00 P.M.—All Star Ball Game—Hemenway Field.
- 5:00 P.M.—Boxing on the Square.
- 5:30 P.M.—Retreat by Warrick Veterans' Posts—Court House Lawn.
- 6:00 P.M.—Young America Parade.
- 7:30 P.M.—Amateur Revue—Boonville's New Stadium.
- 8:00 P.M.—WARRICK WONDERLAND—Boonville's New Stadium.
- 9:45 P.M.—Fireworks—Boonville's New Stadium.
- 10:00 P.M.—Rock and Roll Dance—Public Square.

Wednesday, Sept. 17, Ladies' Day

- 5:00-7:00 A.M.—Breakfast Served on the Square.
- 9:00 A.M.—Registration of Guests at Hospitality Center.
- 10:00 A.M.—Music Box Museum Opens.

- 11:00-1:00 P.M.—Ladies Luncheon—Court House Lawn.
- 2:00 P.M.—Pan Cake Race—Court House Lawn.
- 3:00 P.M.—Quilting Bee—Court House Lawn.
- 4:00 P.M.—Husband Calling Contest—Court House Lawn.
- 5:00 P.M.—JAYCEES DUNK 'EM STAND—Operated by Ladies.
- 5:30 P.M.—Retreat by Warrick Veterans' Posts—Court House Lawn.
- 6:00 P.M.—Fun on the Midway—Downtown.
- 7:30 P.M.—Fashion and Style Show.
- 8:00 P.M.—WARRICK WONDERLAND—Boonville Stadium.
- 9:30 P.M.—Women's Kangaroo Kourt—Downtown on Square
- 10:00 P.M.—Fireworks.

Thursday, Sept. 18, Agriculture Day

- 9:00 A.M.—Registration—Hospitality Center.
- 9:30 A.M.—Opening Antique Show and Sale—Presbyterian Church Basement.
- 10:00 A.M.—Music Box Museum Opens.
- 10:00 A.M.—Agriculture Parade—Old and New.
- 11:00 A.M.—Home Economics Display—Legion Home.
- 1:00 P.M.—Farm Equipment Show—Legion Field.
- 2:00 P.M.—Cattle Show—Legion Field.
- 4:00 P.M.—4-H Club Display—Legion Field.
- 5:30 P.M.—Retreat by Warrick Veterans' Posts—Court House Lawn.
- 6:00 P.M.—Boonville Centennial Horse Show—Saddle Club, N. 4th St.
- 7:30 P.M.—Swiss Dancers from Tell City—New Stadium.
- 8:00 P.M.—WARRICK WONDERLAND—Boonville Stadium.
- 9:30 P.M.—Fireworks—Boonville Stadium.
- 10:00 P.M.—Square Dance—Country Music—Swiss Dancers from Tell City—on Public Square.

Friday, Sept. 19, Labor and Industry Day

- 9:00 A.M.—Registration at Hospitality Center.
- 9:30 A.M.—Antique Show Opens.
- 10:00 A.M.—Music Box Museum Opens.
- 11:00 A.M.—Mine Safety Display.
- 1:00 P.M.—Open Houses—1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.
- 2:00 P.M.—Tour of Warrick County Industry by Mayors' Caravan.
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- 5:00 P.M.—Presentation of Time Capsule. Mayor Ashley and Mayor Hartke presiding.
- 5:30 P.M.—Retreat by Warrick Veterans' Posts—Court House Lawn.
- 6:00 P.M.—Methodist Church Chimes.
- 6:30 P.M.—Judging Beards of the Brothers of the Brush.
- 7:00 P.M.—Meeting for organizing local chapter of Indiana Historical Society—basement, Boonville Library.
Guest of Honor: Hubert H. Hawkins, Director, Indiana Historical Bureau.
- 7:15 P.M.—Reading of Special Centennial Poem by Indiana's Poet and Pianist—Ervin E. Perigo.
- 8:00 P.M.—Final Performance of WARRICK WONDERLAND.
- 9:30 P.M.—Men's Kangaroo Kourt.
- 10:00 P.M.—Fireworks—Boonville Stadium.

Saturday, Sept. 20, Fraternal Day

- 9:00 A.M.—Registration of Guests at Hospitality Center.
- 9:30 A.M.—Antique Show opens.
- 10:00 A.M.—Music Box Museum opens.
- 11:00 A.M.—Time Capsule Ceremony.
- 1:00 P.M.—Children's Matinee on Midway.
- 4:00 P.M.—Grand Final Parade.
- 6:00 P.M.—Visit Big Fun Filled Midway.
- 6:15 P.M.—Shaving Contest for Brothers of the Brush Beard growers.
- 8:00 P.M.—Last Time to Promenade and see Historical Windows.
- 11:00 P.M.—Celebration Ends.

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John A. Sraliam	May 21, 1821
Simon Lewis	July 25, 1829
Thos. Fitzgerald	March 14, 1831
Wm. Luce	June 7, 1832
Benj. Luce	August 18, 1836
Bailey H. Booz	September 20, 1838
Joel W. B. Moore	February 22, 1839
Reuben C. Matthewson	June 19, 1841
Thos. F. Bethell	September 23, 1845
Chester Bethell	April 15, 1847
Thos. Hudspeth	January 3, 1849
Thos. W. Hammond	December 14, 1853
John S. Houghland	March 31, 1854
Stephen D. Dial	May 21, 1857
Wm. J. L. Hemenway	March 29, 1861
Joel W. B. Moore	September 4, 1866
John M. Mills	June 8, 1868
Lawrence W. Jarrett	November 30, 1868
Ephraim Enright	April 12, 1869
Edward A. Baker	February 6, 1871
Wm. J. L. Hemenway	February 9, 1872
Wm. Swint	April 30, 1885
Chas. M. Hammond	August 29, 1889
Jacob B. Ashley	June 26, 1893
Jasper H. Thornburgh	May 26, 1897
Wm. L. Bryan	July 18, 1901
John F. Richardson	September 1, 1909
Jacob Eifler	February 18, 1914
James A. Miller	October 2, 1922
Helen Roetzel	August 23, 1927
Robert Fred Johnson (Acting)	January 7, 1931
Edward Russell Siegel	July 31, 1931
Pearl Dark (Acting)	February 11, 1936

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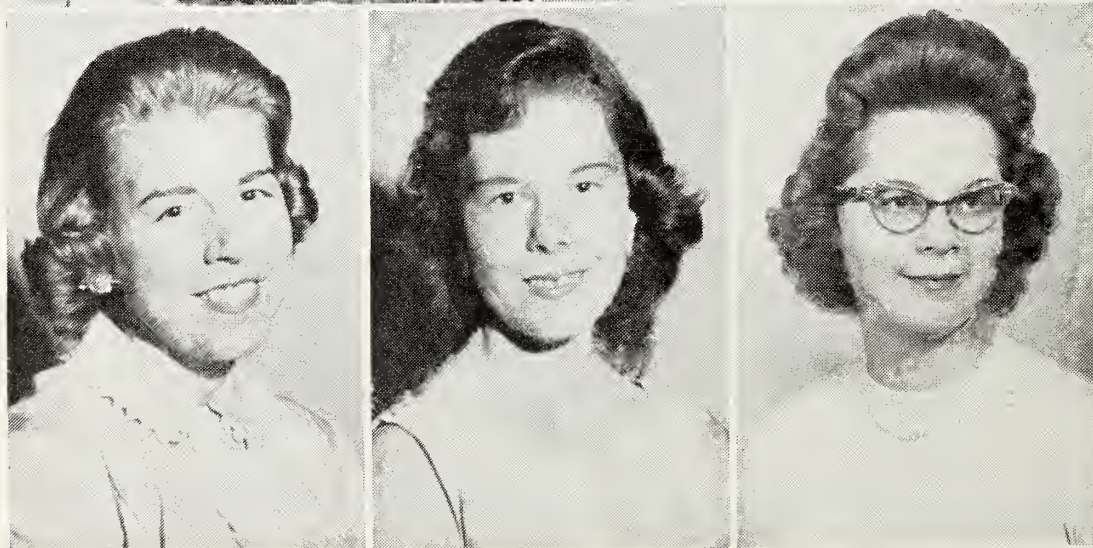
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WARRICK WONDERLAND

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PROLOGUE—Courtesy of Girl Scouts—Sandra Eble, Donna Wasson Karen Tenison, Linda Boyte, Norma Lee Day, and Marlene Ward. Teresa Markley, Sharon Polinkoff, Stephanie Ferrante, ane Meyer, and Denita Walker.

Prologue—Brownies—Courtesy of Girl Scouts—Paula June Aylsworth, Louise Bryant, Carol Ann Bebout, Laura Dieckmann, Connie Edney, Lea Ann Gentry, Sandy Hedges, Sharon Hart, Marlene Hust, Joyce Hay, Susan Hedges, Jeanne Hale, Sandy Ingram, Terry Pierce, Sheila Poellein, Patricia Padgett, Diana Rae Speicher, Jo Ann Siegel, and Tonya Thompson.

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Prologue—Cub Scouts—Courtesy of Boy Scouts—Mike Plopper, John Vote, Tommy Lee Osha, Dale Toole, Larry Russell, Jerry Hart, Kim Lindsay, Jimmy Ingram, Steven Smith, Woody Myers, Steven Winsett, Greg Wasson, George J. Elzer, Ronnie Morris, David Sutton, Richard Ashburn, Mark Neff, Clarence C. Nicholson, and Pamela Fisher.

Dancers—Cheryl Wasson, Julie Hart, Carolyn Hay, Nancy Hanicq, Judy Wildt, Judy Barclay, Jeanie Tenison, Sue Phillips, Donna Houston, Adah Kay Johnson, Mary McQueen, Marilyn Mohler, Betty June Crow, Dwight McLemore, Pamela Williams, Loretta J. Robinson, Janet France, Carolyn Spradley.

Episode Two—Heritage of Freedom—Courtesy of Millersburgh Teen Agers, Boonville High, St. Johns Youth Fellowship, Paradise Girls, Town and Country Home Demonstration.

Principal Squaws—Marcetta Lindsay, Dorothy McKain, Virginia Ezell, Rita Bradshaw, Martha Ellen Merry, Mary J. Shelton, Pat Marshall.

Keel Boat—Arval Folsom.

Ratliff Boon—William Rogers.

Indian Chiefs—John Meyer, Lynn Metz, Gerrill J. Rudolph, Richard Greer, Jerry Fetcher, Paul Tieman, Robert Fisher.

Dancers—Linda Post, Frances Fuller, Donna Wasson, Marlene Ward, Brenda Garland, Rita Wasson, Linda Boyte, Karen Tenison, Linda Garland, Sandy Eble, Norma Lee Day, Susie Critchfield, Clara Scharrer, Roberta Gee, Judith Zint, Janet Willis, Linda Hurt, Leta Hurt, Charlene Sue Hildebrant.

Episode Three—Common Glory—Courtesy of Country Neighbors, Boonville Order of Eastern Star, Warrick Co. Rural Youth, Thorny Grove Home Ec. Club and Kiwanis.

Betty Wildt, Mabel Dorris, Vista Childs, Lora K. Feldwesch, Esther Girdly, Evelyn Taylor, Irene Kiper, R. H. Hochmeister, Edna J. Addington, Kathryn Barnett, Doris Jean Hedges, Mrs. Alma Hodges, Richard Lance, Dennis Schneider, Alan L. Sprinkle, Carol Harvey, Elmer Harvey, Don Portteus, Susie Portteus, Steve Portteus, Jim Portteus, Ernest Kroeger, Lorraine Brumit, Ralph Cottrell, Joyce Maurer, Sondra Borman, Shirley Sims, Gus Wright, William Hay, Oran Brunner, Patsy Kroeger, Lynnette Kaiser, Peggy Kroeger, Bill Brumit, Joan Cottrell, Don Splittorff, Leonard R. Leslie, Wilma Combs, Keith Combs, Mary Frances Raibley, Elaine Esche, Monna Scott, Reathel Byers, Helen Byers, Ruth Shane, Ferne Cavins, Jewel Tuley, Bettye Whitney, Duane Erwin, Mildred Roth, Marian Kaiser, Gayle Schuble, Judy Crowley, Millie Haatz, Marcella Hart, Roberta Hartz, Joette Hendrikson, Jack Hendrikson, Terri Sue Portteus, Carol Byers, Pamela Byers, P. Haynes, Josie Addington, Opha Hull, Ruth Reynolds, Anne Allen, Robert Allen, Becky Lasher, Dan Gerhardt, Warren Wright, Elmer Farley, Allen Howes, Herbert Scott.

Episode Four—The Great Awakening—Courtesy of Theta Rho Girls, Methodist Church, St. Clements Church, and High School P.T.A., and Cypress 4-H Club.

June Scales, Sharon Houchin, Donna Yoakum, Julie Hart, Carolyn McLemore, Loretta Robinson, Naomi Bruce, Judy Keys, Frankie Jo Black, Sandra Carter, Linda Barton, Cecelia Goad. (Boarding School Group)

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Episode Five—Townpeople—Vignettes of a Yesteryear—Courtesy of E.V.B. Church.

Ernest Haynes, Orville Frank, Raymond France, Herschel Skelton, Mrs. Basil Moore, Ralph France, Gary Corn, Winnie Skelton, Helen Haynes, Mrs. Aline Moore, Gladys France, Anna Frank, Elizabeth France.

Episode Six—Townpeople—Courtesy of Yankeetown Home Ec, Business and Professional Women, Nimble Fingers Home Ec., First Baptist Church, and Lions.

Ralph Fant, Geneva Bom, Marjorie Boyles, Gladys Phillips, Michael Guerin, Mrs. Wayne Guerin, Wayne Guerin, Myrna Hart, Carole Osborne, Cora Hart, Ruth Nelson, Mabel Miller, Kitty Sue McGee, Raiboune McGee, Susan Bom, Hallie O'Neil, Faye Barclay, Mike Barton, Bessie McDowell, Marie Allen, Eleanor Kelly, Will Roberts, Marie Roberts, Ione Hickman, Nina Marie Shurig, Ruby Barton, Linda Klingensmith, Jean Klingensmith, David Phillips, Lucille Phillips, Nolan Phillips, George Davis, Henry Leon Boyte, Grayson Edward Boyte, Evelyn Vote, Alene Ackerman, Hazel Evans, Pat Ashley, Ruth Gee, Dorothy Robinson, Francis Barton, Dorthy Marshall, Margaret Anne Marshall, Kathy Pike, Argle Marshall, Eunice Meyers, Mrs. Maurice Williams, Jimmy Hendrickson, Marjorie Hendrickson, Anne Hendrickson, Bill Hendrickson, Carol Hendrickson, A. J. Marshall III, Eloise Gemlich, Pamela Winsett, LaDonna Winsett, Delores McConnell, Deborah McConnell, Carson McConnell, Linda Boyte, Evelyn Ann Boyte, Charles E. Boyte, J. Oscar Phillips, Opal Phillips, Maude Winsett, Flossie Stamps, Lillian Hart, Joyce Sue Shoulders, Mrs. Elvis Winsett, Jr., Mrs. Ocie Elzer, Mrs. Nola Whitney, Mrs. Harold Wright, Lota Marshall, Mildred Brown, Nansie Kelly, Elvis Winsett, Jr., Carman Winsett, Joe Ackerman, Doris Mundy, Jan Wasson, Otis Bracher, Victor Skelton, J. Robert Wilson, Debbie Winsett, Nolan Vote, Marion Boyles, Charles Craig, Chriss Gemlich, Beatrice Champlin, Raymond Bracher, Dennis Boardman, Mike Barton, Robert Connor, Linda Jacobs, Waneda Jacobs.

Episode Eight—Meet me at the Fair—Townpeople—Courtesy of the Happy Home Makers, Pleasant Hill Home Ec. Club, Cypress Home Demonstration, Wesley Chapel H. Ec., and Sunshine H. D. Abner Haas, Woodrow Taylor, Jiminy Stephens, Mrs. Jack Lutz, Barbara Lutz, Carolyn Lutz, Mrs. Donald Coffey, Mrs. Harland Merrill, Mrs. Elmer Meyer, Ira Tennyson, Mrs. Ira Tennyson, Mae Bryan, Mrs. Eugene Snyder, Robert G. Peter, Elizabeth Ann Peter, Mrs. Tary Fuller, Knth F. Peter, Sarah Jane Peter, Mrs. Ima Gentry, Otto Roller, Orfur Polk, Reatus Leslie, Wm. Hunt, Mary Ellen Schmidt, Dale Allan Schmidt, Imogene H. Schmidt, Mary Geyer, Suzanne Grossman, Ronald Poellein, Mrs. June Taylor, Gene Stephens, Nancy Stephens, Margaret Robertson, Mayme Polk, Oral Dawdell, Melody Ann Taylor, Mrs. Nora Barr, Andy Haas, Linda Ahley, Ioneta Addington (Bathing Beauty), Marjorie Snyder, Eugene Snyder, Mrs. Fred Powers, Mrs. Theodore Pagett, Mrs. Wm. Hunt, Randy Schnepfer, Martha Roller, Reba Haas, Mrs. Carl A. Bohrer, Carl A. Bohrer, Henry J. Roth, Jane Ann Grossman, Stanley Grossman, Lulan Lambert, Mrs. Roscoe Fisher, Lorena Rhoades, Bill Ewin, Randy Lambert, Mrs. Hubert Dowell, Theodore Pagett, Sr., Richard Grossman, Phillip Grossman, Karen Grossman, Mrs. Chas. Kindermann, Howard E. Grossman, Marjorie Grossman, Eugene S. Schmidt, Mrs. Allison Baum, Ellen Marie Hale, Mrs. Ann Klostermeier, Edwina Waldbieser (Bathing Beauty), Sue McCulla (Bathing Beauty), Janet Dowdell (Bathing Beauty), Ruth Stephens, Betty Jo McDaniel (Bathing Beauty), and Gary Engelhardt.

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Prologue

A fanfare of trumpets heralds the arrival of our Queen, Miss Centennial, preceded by her Royal companion, Miss Warrick County, and the Centennial Princesses, accompanied by Her Majesty's Ladies-In-Waiting, Pages and Attendants in the Regal entourage. Down through "The Avenue of Flags" comes Her

Majesty as the Mariners, Boy Scouts, Brownies, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Eastern Stars, American Legion Auxiliary, Majorettes, Antebellum Ladies, Indian Princesses and cadets joining with the patriotic ensemble to pay homage to Her Majesty!

Episode One: — The Wide Wide World

We project ourselves into an imaginary picture of the future when even more wondrous progress will have been made. A cameo visit with an early settler

gives us a new dimension in thought concept. John Sprinkle, the early settler, gives his impression and starts the spectacle on its way.

Episode Two: — Heritage of Freedom

Back to the age of the Red Man, and the problems that arose for the Indian when the white man arrived. Chief Setteedown of the Shawnees vividly portrayed will give the opinions, beliefs and fear that his tribe

had. Other frontier events included the tragedy of the Meeks family. Here is a portrayal of frontier life in the raw—the early days on the new horizon.

Episode Three: — The Common Glory

Earliest routes were "trails" of buffaloes and Indians. Yellow Banks trail crossed the Ohio at Owensboro, Kentucky, and passed through the area of Selvin in the northeast part of Warrick County to the forks of the White river north of Petersburg, Indiana. March 19th, 1818, marked the date when four commissioners

under the authority of the Indiana Assembly selected the new county seat, surveyed by Chester Elliot. Here is a montage of the new settler, early civic leaders, and first developments of our area integrated in drama, song and dance to make the episode one of the highlights of Warrick Wonderland.

Episode Four: — The Great Awakening

The strength of the pioneers and their persistence in the face of overwhelming odds was founded on a simple and enduring faith in God and their fellow man! Prior to 1820, the religious services in Warrick County were conducted by "circuit riding" ministers, but the earliest religious organizations were the Methodists, Presbyterians and the Baptists. The Methodists held service at the home of Daniel Frame in 1818. Today Boonville and Warrick County look proudly to

its churches of many faiths. Closely linked with the early churches were the founding of the first schools. "Subscription schools" were the fashion on the early frontier, and a teacher was hired to conduct classes during the winter months, and the first school was held two miles south of Boonville by a man named Moses. From this early beginning the county and community looks with great pride to the outstanding development of education in both public and parochial schools today.

Episode Five: — Vignette of a Yesteryear

History tells of Abraham Lincoln living in the immediate vicinity of Warrick County and his great friendship with John Brackenridge, noted early lawyer. Abraham Lincoln attended court sessions in Boonville

and it can truly be said that he spent his formative years, from fourteen to twenty-one, learning in Warrick.

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Episode Six: — A House Divided

A word imprinted on the burning pages of history "slavery"! left its scar on America. — The Newburgh raid—the nation divided—set many of Warrick County people to wondering. Warrick men marched off to war. Throughout all the bloodshed in the West . . . through all the hate in the South, and through all the destruction in the North, there walked one shining

soul — staunch and steady — grave in his heartfelt mourning for those dead and wounded and for the suffering ones left behind, regardless of their allegiances, regardless of their color and regardless of their creed. Now was the time for peacemaking, and for remembering his words at Gettysburg.

Episode Seven: — The Steam Horse Comes a-Puffin!

Progress fever was running high. The cry of the day had men demanding a canal—"Warrick County will grow!"—another sound of the time had people campaigning for plank roads like the one between Newburgh and Boonville—but the Big Black Iron Horse

won out and the railroad became a reality. The arrival of the Iron Monster meant closer contact, convenient transportation, and an excuse for a celebration holiday!

Episode Eight: — Meet Me At The Fair!

What an era! The day of the bustle, the bicycle and the mustache. A hectic nostalgic reminiscence when great grandma was in her prime. Bathing Beauties, A

Vaudeville Show, The Horseless Carriage, a Traveling Medicine show gave flavor to this humorous portrayal of the Gay Nineties and the Turn of the Century.

Episode Nine: — World War One

Like a bolt of lightning war hit the first part of the twentieth century and the doughboy became a by-word and such tunes like "Over There" and "Tipperary" were sung by everyone. Our citizens rallied to the

cause and came through with flying colors. But there were those who never came back, and there were those who would always remember.

Episode Ten: — Decade of Fabulous Nonsense

The Golden Age of Jazz, hip flask, bobbed hair and flappers; it was the era of the touring cars, low hip lines, and the stars of the silent screens. It was the

decade of Prohibition, Jolson, Lindbergh and dirigibles. There was an air of nonchalance. Carefree gaiety, and everyone just had to do the Charleston.

Episode Eleven: — Siege For Freedom

It is the afternoon of December 7th, 1941—and the people of Warrick County are shocked—for once again the rumbling sounds of War have reached the ears of a surprised nation as Pearl Harbor is attacked. It is the day of draft board "Greetings," and we are cata-

pulted into another world turmoil. Places like Anzio, Guadalcanal, Mt. Surabachi, the Battle of the Bulge, and the far Pacific areas were just a few of the historic places in which many Warrick County people fought, struggled, and died.

Episode Twelve: — Industry and Tomorrow

Warrick County looks with pride to its industries—Alcoa, Coal, Agriculture and Manufacturing. With the development of industries, there are hopes and promises of greater tomorrows, for man looks to new hori-

zons—the frontier of space—on go his Scientific advances in the world of tomorrow—beyond the universe into the unknown. Like his forefathers, he is ever seeking, ever moving forward. This is man!

Epilogue: — A Salute to Warrick County

A Salute to Warrick County! Ahead, there are new tomorrows—broadening—expanding—widening, certain to make the Atomic Age, the age of Utopia . . . WE

ARE AMERICANS. The cast, in its entirety, returns to put a finale on the commemorative performance of this mighty epic: WARRICK WONDERLAND!

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Episode Nine—World War I.

Bugler—Lynn Metz.

Gold Star: Mona Adkins.

Episode 10—Charleston People—Decade of Fabulous Nonsense—
Courtesy of Jaycees and Wives, Merry Millers H. E.

Judith Cranor, Evelyn Herrenbruck, Diane Curry, Dot Grill, Shirley Hicks, Barbara Woolsey, Rosanne Klostermeier, Betty Oliver, Carolyn Spradley, Anna J. Perardi, Beverly Gore, Betty Vogel, Robert E. Taylor, Arthur Moesner, Dixie Lee Morris, Lee Hicks, Charlene Anderson, Jean Kovar, Evelyn Hendrickson, Don Hendrickson, Donna Crews, Deanie Myers, Millie Lutz, Traylor Inman, Dixie Lee Inman, Mrs. Gene Christian, Ray Meinert, Betty Meinert, Ruth Celters, Virginia Hanes, Alice Meinert, Sylvia Simon, Barbara Tucker, Judy Barclay, Nancy Mabray, Carolyn Greenwell.

Episode 11—High School People—Siege for Freedom—
Courtesy of: American Legion, V.F.W.

Connie Kay Ashley, Bill J. Goings.

Soldiers and Marines: Ralph Hargrave, Perry B. Wire, Paul French, Carl E. Young, Thomas L. Shaw. Paul E. Gentry, Jim Ensor, John Roth, J. O. Miller, A. C. Goodwin, Kenneth Shreve, J. D. Aylesworth.

Episode Twelve—Salute to Industry:

Steve Gentry, Debby Boerlein, Cheryl Colo, Dee Perardi, Gail Chapman, Jeannie Wagner, Dione Angel.

Epilogue—Finale—Entire Company.

Note: We regret the omission or deletion of any names due to the deadline for this publication. However, any individual who wishes may leave his name for the Bi-Centennial issue in 2058.

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The following have made extraordinary patronage of WARRICK WONDERLAND:

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ABOVE

BOONVILLE BANKS' DEPOSITORS — Deposits for the "Centennial Satellite" are made by Kenneth H. Weyerbacher (second from left), president of Boonville National Bank, and Oran Toole (right) of the Peoples Trust and Savings Bank, while Satellite Committee Chairman Elvin Humphreys officiates in the presence of Centennial Queen candidate, Miss Sharon Whitney.

RIGHT

"DON'T TAKE ANY WOODEN NICKELS," seems to be in the mind of Laverne Perkins (left) as he ponders the stacks offered by Robert Barker for the purchase of a radio during the centennial when Boonville's stores issued and accepted the "funny money" to promote the event.

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DID YOU KNOW THAT . . .

. . . That James McCulla, who lives only one block from the courthouse in Boonville, is the grandson of James McCulla, who lived at Boonville when it was platted and founded 140 years ago?

DID YOU KNOW THAT . . . Kerr, Clark and Company employed upward of 200 men, women and children in 1871 at the northeast corner of First and Walnut streets.

. . . Boonville's streets were lighted by street lamps in 1870 . . . A Warrick County Medical Society was organized in 1860 . . . Boonville's Fire Department was organized in 1866?

The Centennial Satellite

Burial of a time-capsule, filled with mementos of the centennial celebration and items to make a complete report of this era of history to the people of 100 years from now, is one of the main events of the 1958 centennial. Warrick County Commissioners, Floyd A. Schuble, Ralph Jones and Lawrence Hadley officially authorized the century-deposit on the public square by the courthouse. The "satellite" is made of ALCOA's everlasting aluminum, vacuum sealed, and will be "in orbit" until opened in 2058. Individual depositors were issued certificates to be exchanged for the item deposited bearing the same number.



Centennial Scenes



Photos Courtesy of Don's Photo Service

Fun, Frolic and Old-time Attire was the mode of the Boonville folks during the celebration of the centennial.

"Brothers of the Brush" and "Sisters of the Swish" promenaded, posed, and cut capers with "Kangaroo Kourts" while "Keystone Kops" brought the out-laws and in-laws to trial. Into the stockade they went, and then to the stocks—even the Mayor.

Meanwhile, back at centennial headquarters, the disgruntled ladies picketed the unfair facial features of whiskery-chins. Others posed in all the splendor of their gowns of by-gone eras. And wooden nickels wouldn't fit in parking meters!

DO YOU REMEMBER? . . . the heaviest snow in local history, in 1918 . . . Boonville's big fire which burned down four buildings on the south side of the public square in 1896 . . . the "Grange," a farmer's organization headed by Capt. Robert Perigo, 1874 . . . the baptizings at Rocky Branch . . . the early morning rumble of wagons, surreys and buggies on the way to the big Boonville Fair . . . the feeding of hogs and cattle on the Boonville streets as late as 1871 . . .

. . . The First runs of "traction cars" on E. S. & N. Railway in 1906 . . . Kearney flying mail from Fair Grounds to postoffice, with a mail sack dropped on Court House lawn, 1911 . . . when Third street was

paved with brick . . . the hitch rails around the public square . . . La Pearl's Circus exhibits at Boonville, best 25¢ show ever in town, 1897 . . . Soldier's reunion at Boonville with estimated 10,000 present, 1885 . . .

. . . Lowell Brothers Flour Mill, 1897 . . . bread 8¢ a loaf unwrapped, 8½¢ wrapped, 1918 . . . the Boonville Stemmeries . . . pond on southwest corner of public square . . . 1874 . . . the Farmer's Home at N. Third and Sycamore; the Prince Albert Hotel on the corner of Walnut and S. Third (later the "Traction Station") . . . ?

. . . That the Warrick County Treasurer's office was robbed of \$8,000 in April, 1867?

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The Turbulent Twenties

In Boonville and in all of Warrick county, people were a part of a revolution while barely realizing that drastic changes were taking place all about them in manners, morals, ways of living, and items of everyday use. From 1920 to 1930 there was very little that remained the same as to appearances of people and their daily life.

The "war to end all wars" was won—the world had been made safe for democracy—and doughboys of Warrick were home from "Gay Paree," never to be the same again. Prosperity was bursting into bloom as business was getting "back to normalcy." 1920 saw Warrick's coal production records broken with 1,583,000 tons mined.

Boonville had recently acquired new buildings and the look of a city, with Clarke school, the new high school, a Carnegie library and miles of paved streets. The old order changeth and it was legal for women to vote and illegal for alcoholic beverages to be made and sold. New freedoms fermented daring demands; no topic was taboo. Men openly smoked cigarettes while women began saying "blow some my way" or joined in the habit.

The Boonville Standard, now nearly 50 years established, listed the city's needs: Adequate water facilities, factories and payrolls, an auditorium and gymnasium, more improved streets, more taxables, a touring camp, swimming pool, and an increase in the city's popula-

tion. Before the end of the decade, all items had been achieved except the "touring camp."

One day in May of 1923 a small group of Boonville's leaders solicited the funds necessary to induce the location of a garment factory in the city. Before the end of the year 200 women were called to work. It is still evidence of good industrial climate.

A gymnasium was sponsored by a group headed by Frank Cady, E. C. "Cotton" Pelzer, Roscoe Hay, C. C. Katterjohn, and Thomas E. Downs; funds were raised and it is only now being replaced by one of Indiana's largest.

Under the city administration of Mayor T. C. Mullins, an unlimited water supply was located for Boonville at "Lake Drain," south of Bullocktown. The new water source released City Lake for public swimming and the sales of swim-suits boomed in 1925.

Boonville people literally looked up to a local boy on the night of October 5, 1923, when Commander Ralph D. Weyerbacher brought the dirigible he designed, then the ZR-1 and later to be named the "Shennandoah," over his home town enroute to St. Louis from Lakehurst, N. J. He dropped flowers to his mother, Mrs. W. F. Weyerbacher (only missed by a few blocks), while Warrick's searchlights pointed with pride to the cigar-shaped symbol of an age of leisurely travel, never fully developed.



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It was a period of strong emotions. The Ku Klux Klan was militant and fiery crosses burned brazenly and without cause or lasting effect. Miners disputed their wage scales and strikes injected awful words into neighbors' conversations.

Strip-mining made giant strides, plowing out the near-surface veins, north and south of Boonville, at Sunlight and Pigeon creek mines. Pits 40 feet deep and 35 feet wide were laid open to expose the coal seam, by steam shovels with "dippers" taking out 6 cubic yards at a scoop. (A 65-yard shovel is being built in Warrick now.)

Concrete had connected communities and it was con-

tinuous slab all the way to Evansville. The "flivver" took the young folks out of the parlor, now bright-lit by the new electric light a-dangling from the ceiling—and "booze" further aided the release of "flaming youth" from inhibitions of previous generations.

In the "Temple of Shadowland," to the musical talents of Ernie Owen at the organ, the idols of the silent screen were viewed in rapt admiration—under the watchful patrolling of Frank Forrest, proprietor.

The crowds gathered at Christ's and Kuntzman's confectioneries on the Square. Later the high school crowd lounged at Eddie's.



AUTOS OF 1925. "Flivvers" and "touring" models, with very few closed-car models, are shown in this view of the parked cars in the Big Boonville fair grounds (place of WARRICK WONDERLAND pageant), as seen from the back stretch of the race track, looking to the big, wooden amphitheaters.

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ABOVE — Photo taken about 1925, of Boonville's belles of the newly established garment factory, in front of the plant on North Second Street, then operated by Moses-Rosenthal Co., now by Embassy Men's Apparel, Inc.

RIGHT — North side of Boonville's public square as it looked about 1924, showing one of the four Civil War cannons that "guarded" each corner for many decades.



The "flapper" appeared in Boonville — the result of the drastic change in feminine appearance, mostly done by shedding excess adornments. Within a few years the length of dresses were shortened from ankles to knee-caps. Within a few minutes great lengths of feminine tresses were released from hairpins and intricate arrangements of knots and puffs and cropped into a square-cut "bob." Into Boonville's barbershops (no beauty parlors yet) went hundreds of women a week, for the first time in their lives — submitted eagerly or with agonized indecision to the shears of indifferent and prosperous barbers — then went shopping for new, and smaller, head-hugging hats. Men

grumbled about women in men's sanctuaries, but found compensation in the sheer beauty of the sheared beauty's new-style silk hose.

To the music out of question-mark speakers of battery-type home-made radios, later replaced by the all-electrics, the "flappers" and "shieks" danced that craze, the "Charleston."

As the period of the Twenties roared by with gusty sweeps of old ways and ideas, there was progress at a rapid pace by a determined people who demanded and got new freedoms, new social attitudes — and new entanglements — but there was a will to win withal!

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Agriculture and Conservation in Warrick

HISTORICALLY — Warrick's leading crops have been the grains, corn, wheat, and oats. Wheat from Warrick won first prize in the 1893 Columbian Exposition world's fair at Chicago.

Around 1880 Warrick county raised more tobacco than any other county in Indiana. Most was the dark variety, shipped to foreign countries. Tobacco packing plants and warehouses were in all parts of Warrick. Some domestic types, particularly Burley, were grown in the county and for several decades supplied factories in Boonville and Newburgh, for twists, plugs, cigars and snuff.

PRESENT — Warrick's agricultural activities in recent years are shown in these statistics:

Warrick County's land area is 391 square miles (250,880 acres); the number of farms, 1,240.

AVERAGE ANNUAL PRODUCTION FOR TEN YEARS, 1946-1955

Crop	Acres Harvested	Yield
Corn	— 36,000	1,427,800 bushels
Wheat	— 10,800	205,800 bushels
Soybeans	— 19,100	327,600 bushels
Oats	— 3,100	99,900 bushels
All Hay	— 14,300	18,200 tons

Marketed in 1957

Sows	1,192 head	Sheep	1,015 head
Milk Cows	2,156 head	Poultry	3,719 doz.
Beef Cows	1,057 head	Eggs	11,038,000
Other Cattle	3,049 head	Milk	19,075,000 lbs.

The above information was furnished by the
**WARRICK COUNTY AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION
OFFICE**

B. T. Bond, County Agent; Wm. Brumit, Assistant Agent; Maude Ora Lang, Home Demonstration Agent.

Warrick County has more than two dozen soil types. The oldest soils are those in the triangular area between Tennyson, Heilman and Stanley. The soils in this region are upland types, derived from sand, sand-

stone and shale, somewhat shallow, acid in nature and often leached of minerals with the wash-out effects of rains. The youngest soils are the "windblown" soils of the triangle-area bounded by Yankeetown, Paradise, and St. John's. The intermediate "lake-bed" soils are those of the Stevenson-Daylight area.

Warrick County has the benefit of the full-time services of a Soil Conservationist of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, stationed at Boonville, Francis E. Post. The surface areas of Warrick are much in transition and the benefits of correct analysis and scientific diagnosis are to be highly valued.

FUTURE — "Farming for the future" is another term for "soil conservation." The extensive strip-mining operations in Warrick, leaving hundreds of acres of land, upturned in bare ridges, exposing rock and shale — and the diversity of soils and terrain in Warrick — offer a challenge to conservationists.

Much success has been achieved in reclamation. Spoil-bank ridges have been levelled and replaced with grazing lands, productive farm areas and even residential home-sites.

Warrick's land-use potentials are dynamic — thousands of acres available for new developments, many in large parcels not now committed to any specific or long-term use.

RECREATION

Preserves for fish and game and various wild-life occupy many acres in Warrick. Pit-lakes, left by coal operations, are stocked from the fish hatcheries of Scales Lake State Beach near Boonville. Scales Lake is a beautiful 68-acre body of water with splendid fishing and swimming facilities, surrounded with a magnificent stand of pine. Many private lakes are open to the public, including one of 25 acres operated by the local Izaak Walton League, three miles west of Boonville.

Rustic, rugged scenery remains in sizeable areas, unchanged since Lincoln wandered these same woodlands. The same inspiring sights and awesome views still greet the present-day seekers of the quietudes away from the beaten paths.

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MINERS OF 1880's — Photo at left shows typical coal miners of 70 years ago, wearing wick-type lamps, home-made caps and the early tools of their trade, long since replaced.



(Above) From left—Seated, Felix Donnelley, William Donnelley (son of Felix), Willie King, Huey King, a Mr. Jones, Harry Brewis (killed by train at Boonville).

Standing, from left, Thomas Lauder, Charles Decker, F. P. Hargrove (mine superintendent), John Owens, Lindsey Warfield (ex-slave), Jonas Brewis, William Lauder.

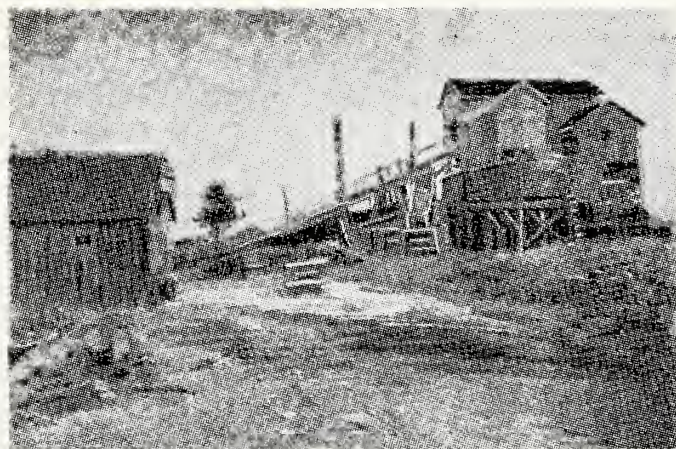
The quest for the buried treasure of Warrick has driven men to make ingenious ventures to recover the "black nuggets." Underground mining began as early as 1818 on Little Pigeon creek, two miles from the Ohio river. By 1898, as reported by the state geologist of Indiana, there had been 350 "openings" to coal in Warrick, and two million tons removed. At that time, sixty years ago, there were 97 active mines in the county, and only seven employing more than ten miners. At present (1958) there are 19 coal mines considered active in Warrick, ten open-pit and nine underground.

Boonville's title: "Coal Capital of Indiana" will be unchallenged for much time to come. Out of Warrick is produced over 5 million tons of coal annually. Of Indiana's five mines with an output over one million tons a year, three are in Warrick—and another is being built here.

State geology reports indicate Warrick's available coal resources to be in excess of one billion tons, three times the estimate of 60 years ago. At double the present mining rate this is sufficient for another century of production. With improved and larger equipment, the recoverable coal deposits, now known to exist but classed as not available, will increase the county's crop of "Warrick Nuggets."

Miners of Warrick's underground mines — drifts, slopes and shafts — have seen and experienced in the last half-century a complete change in mining methods, equipment, and safety practices. Gone are the old open-flame lamps ("wick-in-grease" and later the carbide-gas type), and blasting powder and "squibs." Hand tools and "coal bank" mules have been replaced by mechanized devices. "Blasting" is now done with compressed air. Coal is cut, loaded and hoisted with electrified machinery. Wage rates have increased as much as ten times in the past half-century.

The coal is the same. Most mines work the No. V vein, Warrick's richest, swelling in some places to a



EARLY MINE — Wooley's "Big Vein," a slope mine of the 1880's, located east of Boonville (on outer East Walnut St.), worked a 7 to 9 foot vein about 25 feet underground.



MINERS OF 1913 — Mule drivers of Erie Canal Mine on west edge of Chandler. From left: Arthur Hampton, Alvah Harris, Floyd Norton, Elza Smith, and Bill Hudson, stable boss. The mules were used underground to pull the mine cars.

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1922 — Miners with mules used underground at the Sunlight slope mine north of Boonville. From left: Chris Saunders, Thurman Harris, Leslie Woodridge, Cliva Harris, William Decker, Ronnie Stephens, Alva Harris and Henry Osha.

thickness of nine feet and more and averaging five feet. The coal "crop" is known by drillings and thoroughly mapped. Mining is now done with confidence and scientific strategy in contrast to olden times when the miner could not know what his pick or drill would

uncover.

Warrick's coal mine safety records in the underground mines is a wonderful tribute to the miners and operators. Not a major disaster in the entire century of big-mine operations is the "Warrick Way."



Photo courtesy Evansville Sunday Courier and Press

WARRICK'S LARGEST UNDERGROUND COAL MINE — The Ditney Hill Mine of the Ingle Coal Co., viewed from the air in 1958, showing the expansive mine site. This mine produces a half million tons per year from the Millersburgh vein about 100 feet down.

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ABOVE — A magnificent photo, taken by Boonville's photographer of many years, Frank Cady, showing the stripper-pit type of coal mining operations of a generation ago. The smaller shovel is loading coal directly into railroad cars for the waiting "dinky" engine to pull out to the main line. Coal was shipped without grading.

1958 VIEW OF OPEN-PIT COAL MINE. Shovels are much larger and are powered entirely by electricity. Instead of railroad cars in the pit, huge trucks haul the coal to tipples for processing before loading for shipment by rail. Today's pit is much deeper and wider . . . and safer.



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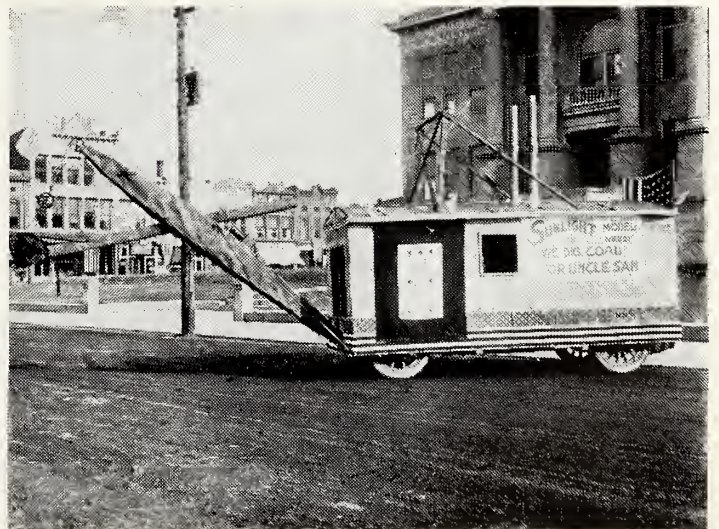
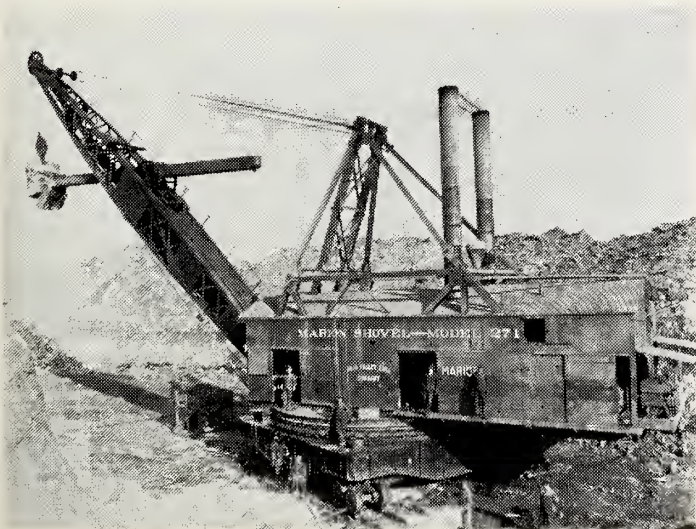
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ABOVE — MEN WHO MINED WARRICK'S COAL 40 YEARS AGO — Taken on the southwest corner of the public square in Boonville about the time of World War I, this photo shows a large group of miners of Sunlight Local, 2343, UMWA, in a patriotic mood.

BELOW (Left) — A photo of an early steam-powered monster for strip-mining coal. Note the small size of the bucket in comparison. This model rolled forward on short sections of railroad tracks.

(Right) — A rare photo of a float in a parade at Boonville during World War I, a replica of the type of shovel shown in the photo at left. Note the Gold Star banner and the motto: "We Dig Coal For Uncle Sam."



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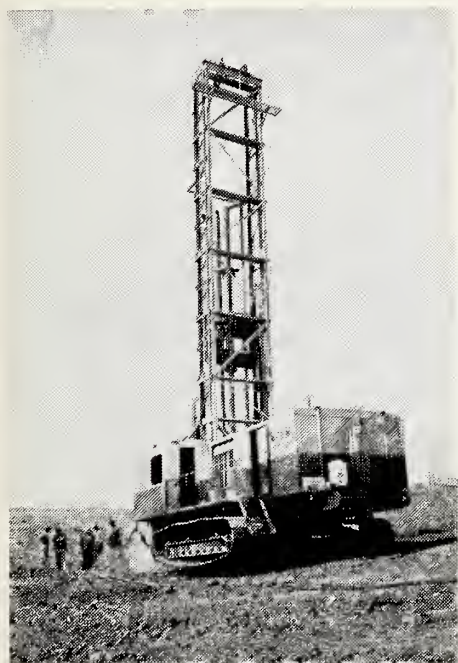
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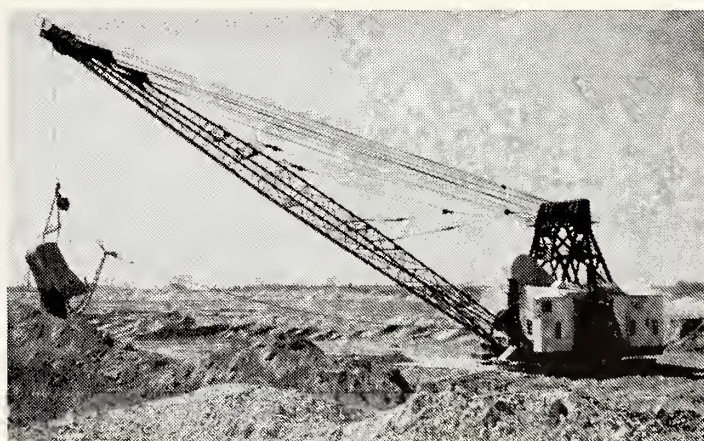
Warrick's Strip-Mine Equipment Then — and Now



On this page are shown for comparison, the present strip-mine shovels and drill rigs. The above scene shows the pit operations as seen more than 30 years ago. At left is a modern drill rig, used for holes ahead of the earth-shovel for blasting charges. Note size of men in the photo.

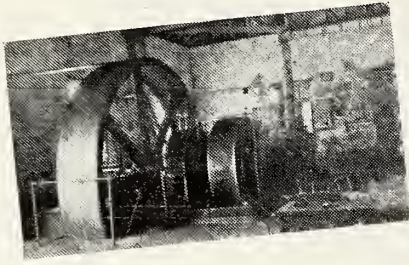


Below, at left, is 45 cubic yard bucket shovel in operation in southeastern Warrick. At right, below, is a "drag-line" type used in the northern part of the county. It "walks" — moving forward in short "steps." The boom on this type is longer, enabling a wider dispersal of the spoil-banks.



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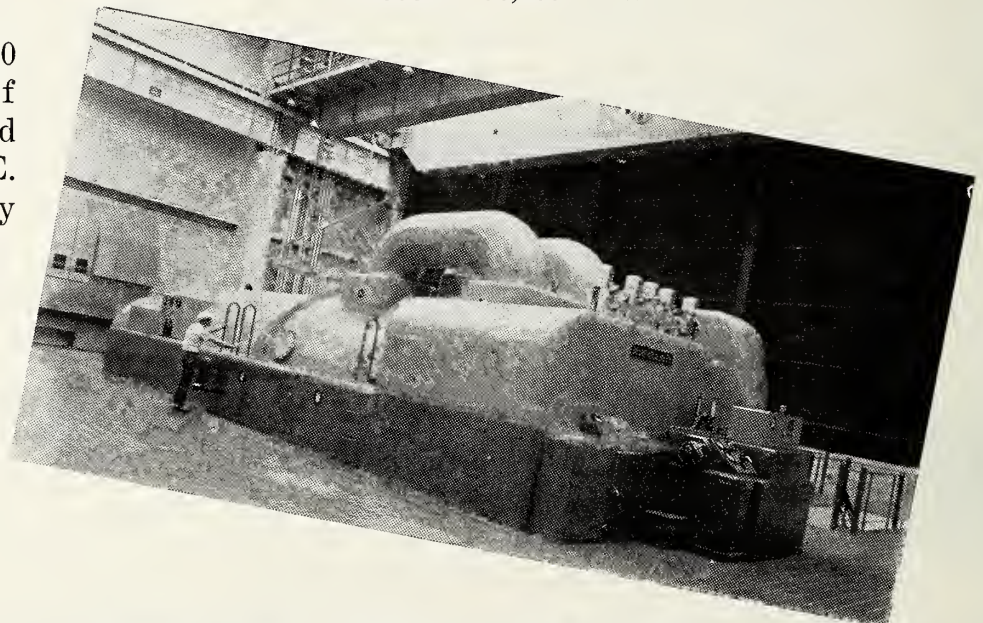
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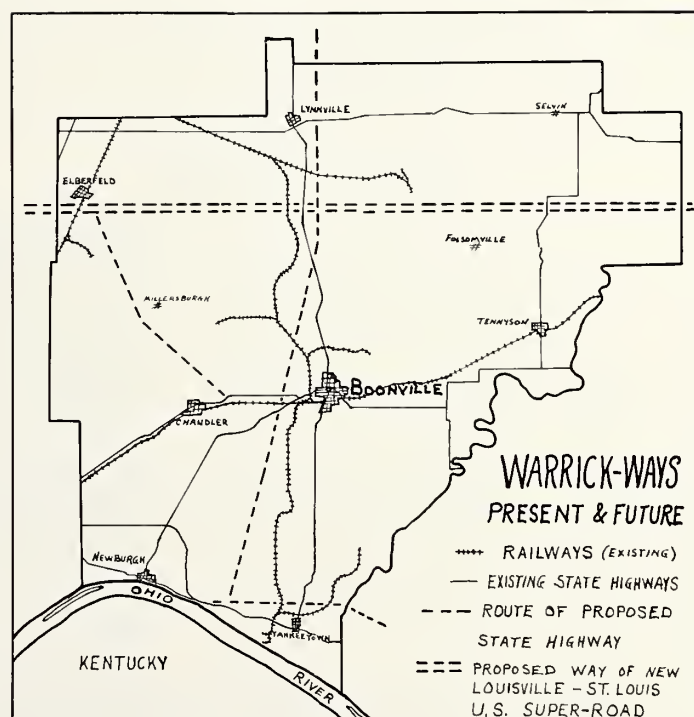
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WARRICK'S WATERWAY is the beautiful Ohio river that fronts Warrick county's southern edge for miles, offering fine shipping sites. Shown in the above photo is the loading facilities of the Yankeetown Dock Corp. for transfer of coal from rail to river barges. 70-ton railway cars are overturned at a rate of 20 per hour to enable the belt conveyor to pour 1,200 tons of coal per hour into the barges. In the left background is the Culley plant of the Southern Indiana Gas and Electric Co. In the center rear of the photo dust rises from the early construction work on the ALCOA Warrick Works. In the background is the site of Darlington, Warrick's county seat, 1814-1818.

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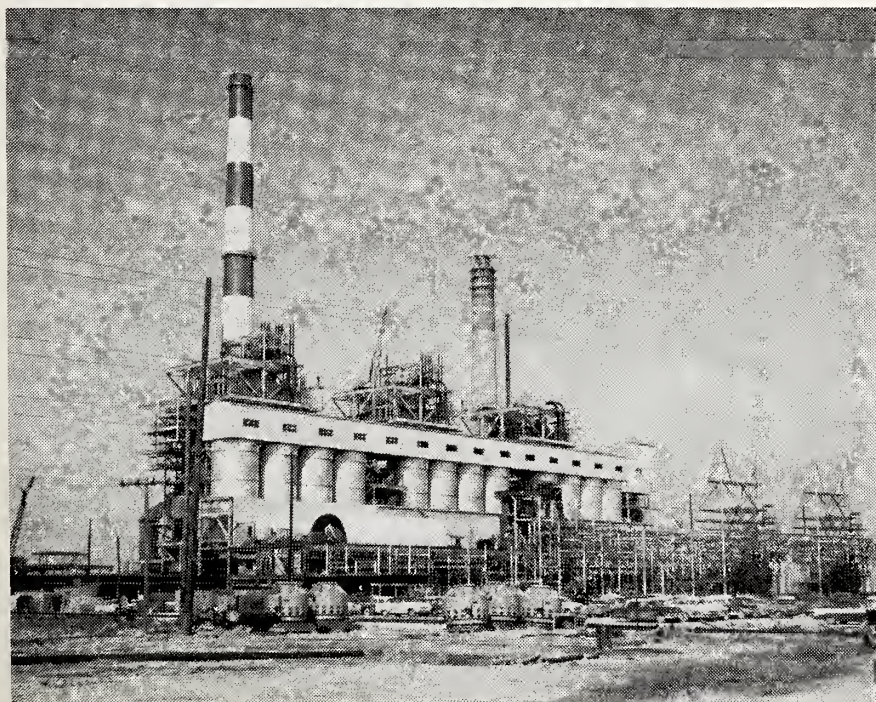
ALUMINUM SMELTER OF ALCOA'S WARRICK WORKS



Indiana's first primary aluminum smelting plant is under construction about ten miles south of Boonville in Warrick County's Anderson Township. Named after the county in which it is located, Aluminum Company of America's Warrick Works will have an annual rated capacity to produce 150,000 tons of aluminum pig and ingot.

The tremendous amount of electricity required to operate the smelter will be supplied by a 375,000 kilowatt coal-fired steam power plant to be operated for Alcoa by Southern Indiana Gas and Electric Company.

Employment requirements for the smelter and power plant are expected to eventually require an annual payroll in excess of \$5-million. Smelting plant facilities will include ingot casting equipment, a carbon plant for manufacturing anodes used in the electrolytic smelting process, a machine shop, an electrical shop, a rectifier station, offices and other service installations.



POWER PLANT FOR
ALUMINUM PRODUCTION

Power plant coal for Alcoa will be mined in an area northwest of Boonville and transported eleven miles to the power plant by rail. The Squaw Creek Coal Company, a joint venture between Alcoa and Peabody Coal Company and operated for Alcoa by Peabody, will mine, prepare, and deliver the coal. Operating at full capacity, the power plant will consume an estimated 1.25 million tons of coal a year or the equivalent of 50-55 railroad carloads per day. Coal reserves owned by Alcoa in the area near Boonville are conservatively estimated to amount to more than a 50-year supply even if consumed at the maximum rate. Once in operation, this new mining installation in Warrick County should appreciably help Boonville maintain its title of "Coal Capital of Indiana" for many years to come. The erection of a 65 cubic yard stripping shovel and the construction of the coal preparation plant are fundamentally completed.

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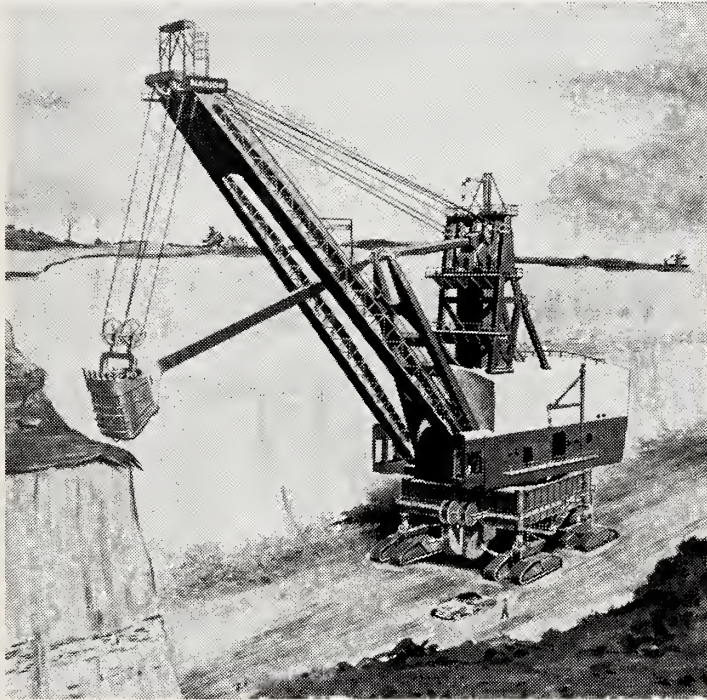
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BELOW — Artist's drawing shows how the largest stripper-shovel will look at work unearthing 100 feet of earth from the vein of coal. Note size of a man in each photo for comparison.



ABOVE — A rear view of the partially completed 65 cubic yard stripping shovel. The skeleton of the shovel stands 17 stories high. Without ballast it weighs 2315 tons.



SQUAW CREEK COAL PREPARATION PLANT — To the left is a view of Squaw Creek Coal Company's coal preparation plant located northwest of Boonville. Coal will be transported 11 miles by rail to Alcoa's Warrick Works for consumption in the 375,000 kilowatt steam power plant.

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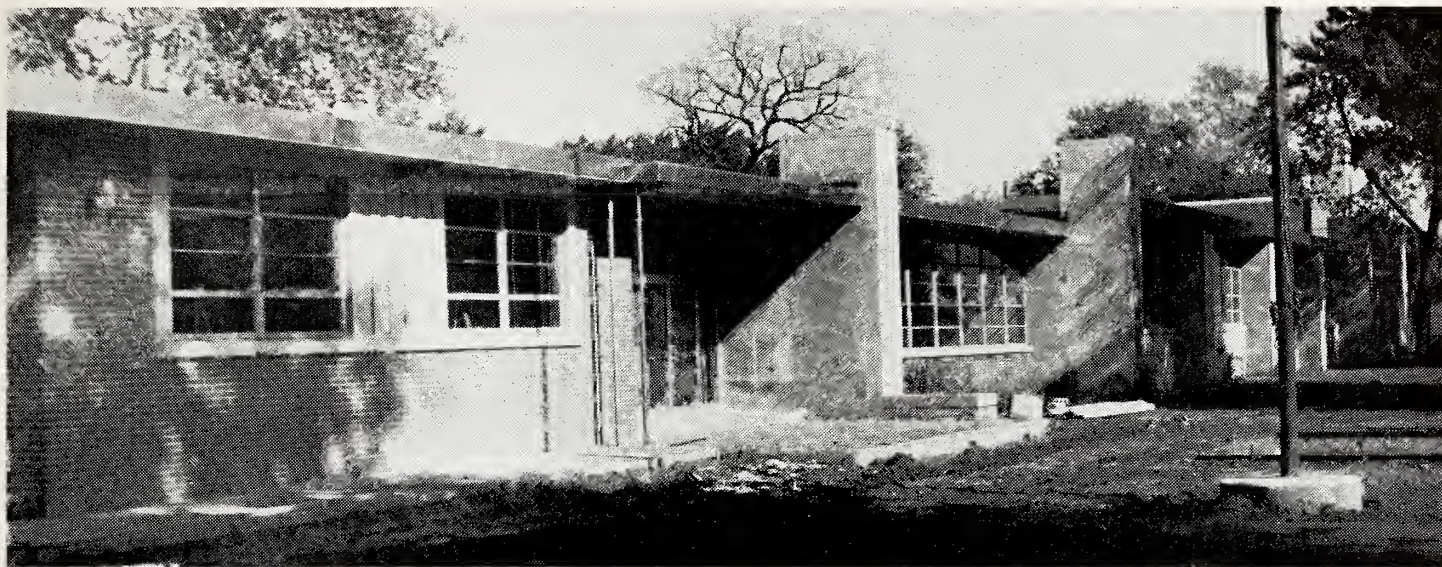
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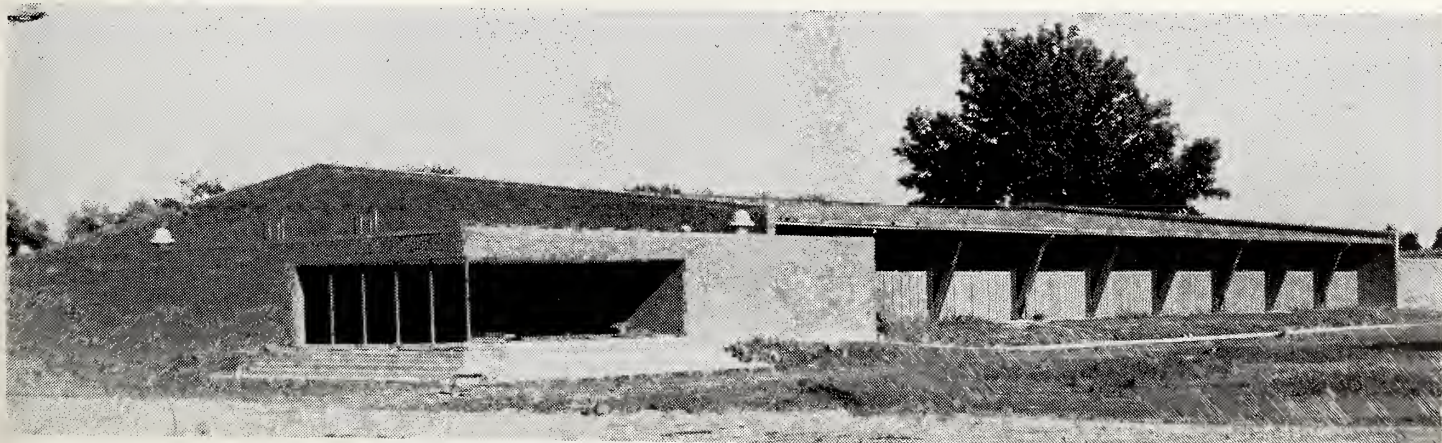
In the 1950’s there have been more school constructions expenditures in Warrick than in 50 or 75 years previously.

The crowning glory of Warrick’s schools: Boonville’s new High School, Gymnasium, Cafeteria and Union Building and the expansive athletic field (loc-

tion of Centennial Spectacle).

Credit for making possible the Centennial Spectacle in the magnificent setting of the new athletic field goes to the members of the Boonville-Boon Township School Board during 1958: Traylor Inman, Helen Kennedy, Gilbert Higgins, Harold Wright, Okra Hendrickson, and Richard Allen.

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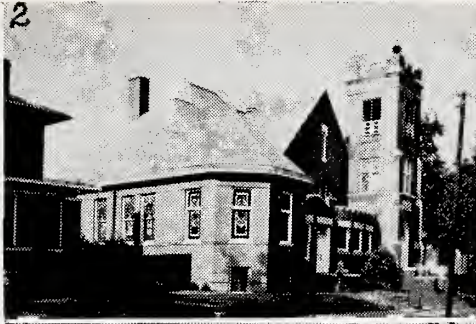
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This Program Book of the 1858-1958 Boonville Centennial is dedicated, in memoriam, to



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The financial supporters are particularly worthy of reciprocal patronage. Graphic displays herein are constant reminders of their readiness to serve the public.

Careful efforts were made to assure accuracy in the information presented. Errors may be excused with the consideration that this book was entirely produced by volunteer efforts.

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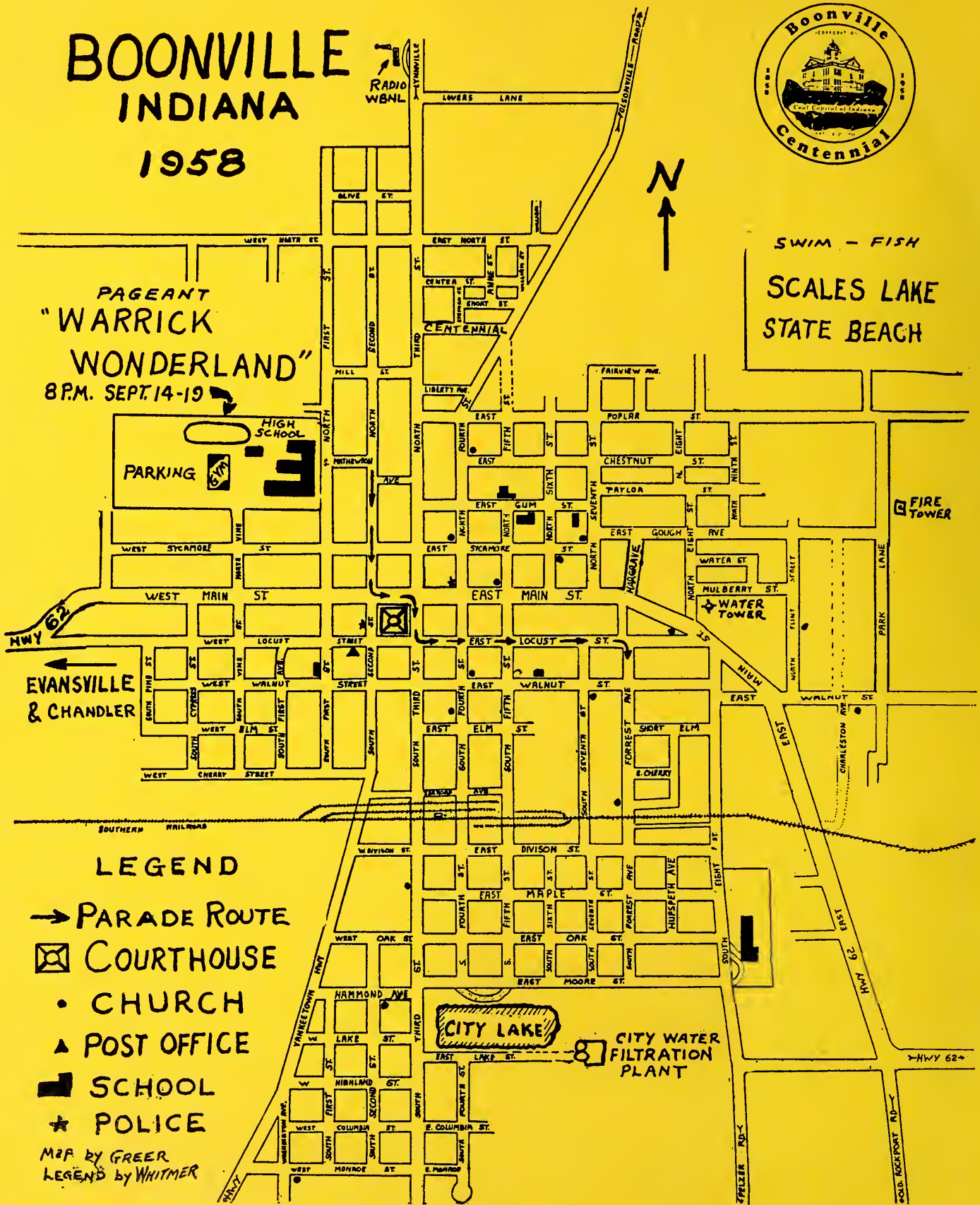
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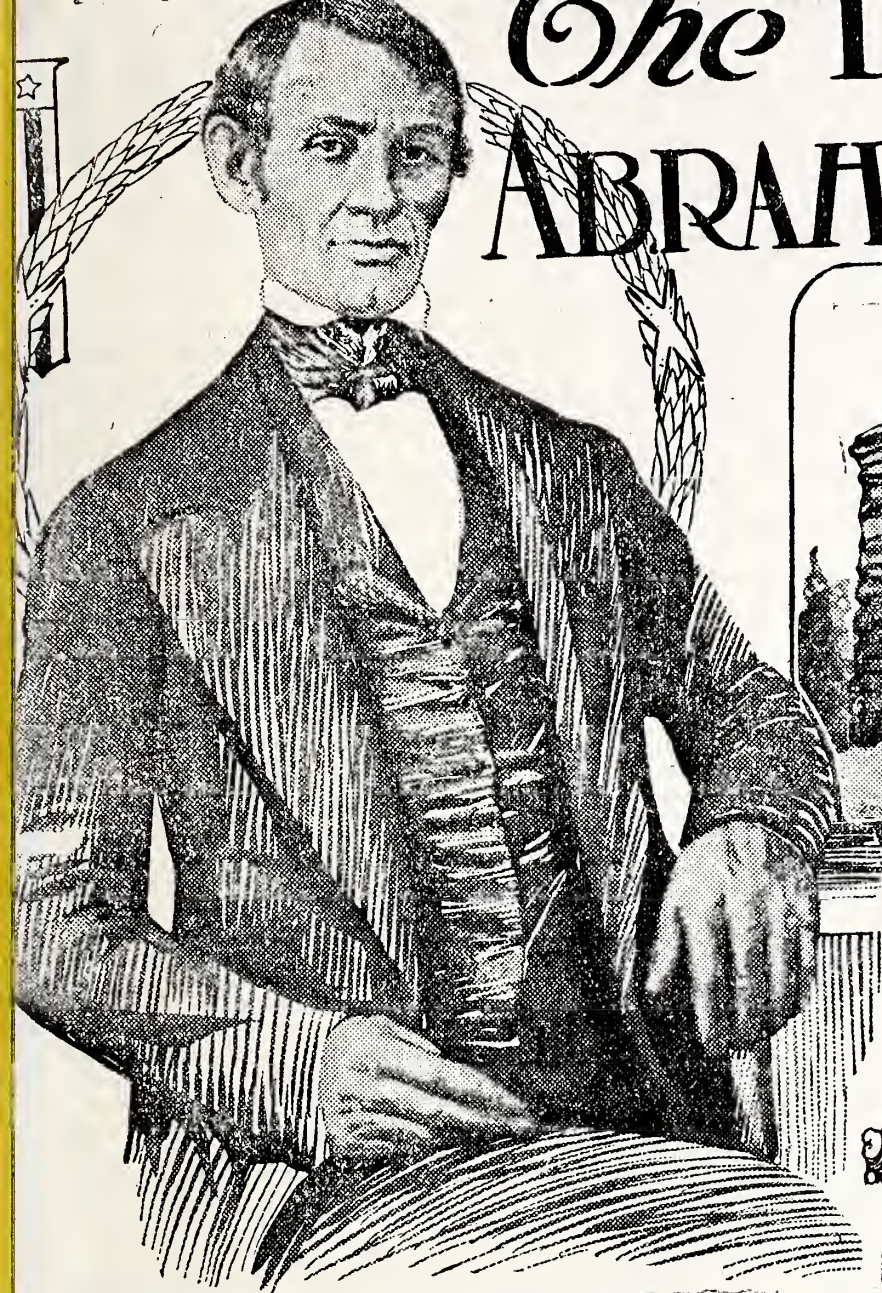


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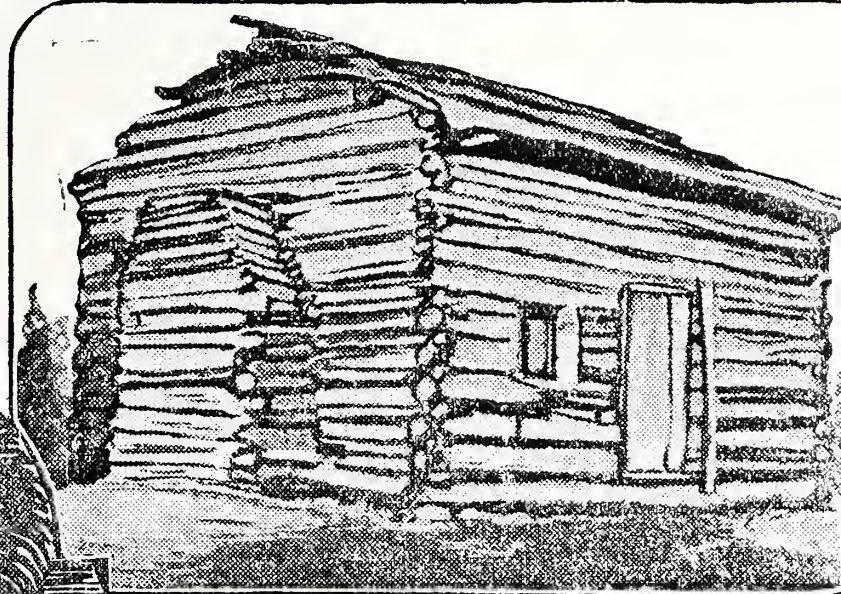
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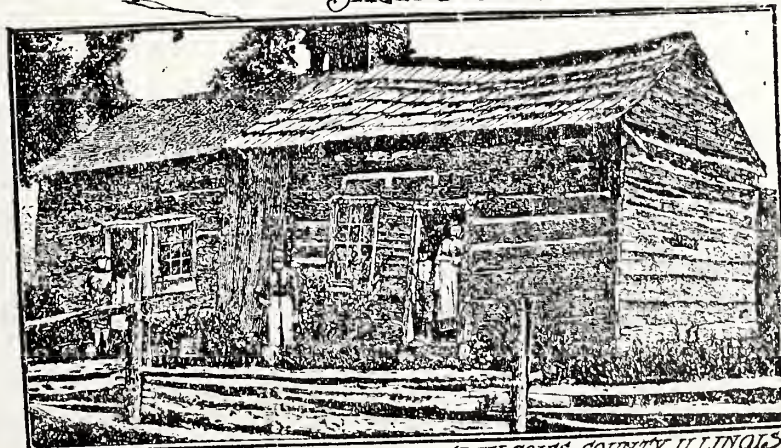
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made the life of Abraham Lincoln a study look upon the birthday anniversary as something more than the mere passing of a milestone.

Historians say that Lincoln was born in Hardin county, Kentucky. In fact, he was born in La Rue county, which, however, is a subdivision of Hardin county. Chroniclers continue with their biographies and say that he, together with his father, mother and a sister, went to Indiana and entered a claim to a piece of land in Spencer county. As a matter of fact, he entered a claim to a piece of land in Warrick county, but which has since been set aside and named Spencer county. The Lincolns went to Indiana in 1816, the same year that Indiana was admitted to the Union as a state. He entered a quarter section of land, built a log cabin and lived there until 1830.

It was known that Thomas Lincoln, father of Abraham Lincoln, was in poor circumstances. To say that Abraham Lincoln was the son of a poor carpenter and farmer gives an insight to the hard conditions that little Abe had to face when he was a youngster. When he went to Indiana he was just seven, and, remaining in Indiana until 1830, he spent 14 years of his life in Indiana, or until he was twenty-one years of age.

It is useless to relate the idle tales of his boyhood; but when he verged into manhood and imbibed into his character those qualities and those traits that led up to his greatness, this part of his life is interesting. It is well understood that if Lincoln had done as other boys of his day he would have achieved only small things. But he did not do as the young men and boys of his day, and the ways of his early manhood are still interesting to young America who strive for success and do things.

Lincoln saw hardships, had meager clothing, coarse food and no advantages of securing an education. All who knew him agreed that he was unlike other boys. He was not fully understood, doubtless holding his real character or disposition in reserve for his intimate friends only. He was not fond of work, but whether from sheer laziness or because he was fonder of mental exercise in reading or otherwise is not clear. He enjoyed books and is known to have borrowed much of the reading matter of his neighborhood.

After 1820 Spencer county had, at Rockport, its county seat, a public library of several hundred volumes of the standard works of that day. Thomas Lincoln and Abraham Lincoln were at Rockport at least two times during the year, but the name of Abraham Lincoln does not appear as a borrower of books at the library. The field from which Abraham Lincoln could glean knowledge in that neighborhood was very limited, though he borrowed every book that he could get. The list is a short one, and the following includes most of them: "Robinson Crusoe," "Aesop's Fables," Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress," Weems' "Life of Washington" and a history of the United States.

During Abraham Lincoln's 16 years of life in Indiana he had read and reread this list of literary and historical books over and over again. His good nature among Lincoln City people was not unnoticed; all agreed to his honesty and good nature. Questions of dispute and petty differences were at first submitted to him in a joking way, and later in a sincere way, until he was compli-

mented for his honest and just way in settling disputes and differences. He was told more times than once that some day he would turn out to be a lawyer.

Having read all the literary books and what few there were of law in and around Rockport, Lincoln heard of the court at Boonville. He resolved to go down to that place, 20 miles distant, and learn what he could in the real court, which was in session there several times during the year. The court house in Boonville, then a small hamlet of less than 300 inhabitants—in strong contrast to the beautiful new structure that now adorns the beautiful little town—stood in the very spot where the new one now stands, in the center of a large court square. It was a frame building; the architecture was, to say the least, very novel. A ditch two feet wide and two feet deep, was filled with smoothly hewn logs, on which was built a stone wall 18 inches high. This furnished the foundation upon which the building proper rested. The building itself was never entirely completed. It was weather boarded, but neither plastered nor lathed. It remained in this condition until 1836, which was after the Lincoln family had moved to Illinois. It was capable of holding only 100 people and could only be used in the summer. In the night the cattle which grazed about town would go there for shelter. Such was the structure where President Lincoln received his first impulse to become a lawyer. Here it was that he received his rudimentary practice in pleading cases that afterward aided in making him the lawyer of the reputation he had.

It was to attend court in this rudely constructed building that the young man walked 20 miles from Lincoln City to Boonville, Ind. He was an ardent listener and the lessons that he painted upon his memory at this place are the ones that inspired the great man to become the lawyer he afterward became. And from this act the little town of Boonville claims the distinction of furnishing to him the material that aided in his after success.

To claim so great a distinction if it could not be verified would be false and unfair; but from the history of young Lincoln while he was a visitor here attending court, and from the assurance that he received the knowledge he did, which inspired him to become the lawyer he did, it is another laurel for the little city in southern Indiana.

John A. Brackenridge, then the ablest lawyer in southern Indiana and a practitioner in the court at Boonville, noticed the eagerness and the earn-

estness of this young man in the Boonville court room. He inquired into his purposes and from what part of the country he hailed. Young Lincoln, who stood then over six feet, by his awkward and convincing conversation, impressed the distinguished jurist with an admiration for the man. He found by conversing with him that he was a reader of good books, was interested in law and even had some "hankering" to study it some day.

Accordingly, Mr. Brackenridge, being a hospitable man, invited the young man to his home to stay all night. He also told him that he had some books of interest to beginners and that he would be only too glad to lend them to him to read. Brackenridge lived three miles west of Boonville on his farm and had a library there. His old homestead still stands, and, though a century old, has been used as a tenant's home until very recently. His office, in which was stored his books, yet shows plainly the marks of the place where was located at that time the best library in southern Indiana, if not in the state. The room is but 8 by 10 feet, and, being pressed for room, Mr. Brackenridge had his books placed upon shelves above two windows. When Lincoln caught his first glance of the library he was astonished at so great a collection of books. Mr. Brackenridge was the author of a book in the interest of the Presbyterian church and had several books for sale at that time.

The first night found Lincoln up until after the midnight hour reading by the glare of the burning logs in the fireplace.

Many days after this found Lincoln attending court at Boonville regularly. More often was he found reading books in the private library of Mr. Brackenridge.

The greater part of the Brackenridge library is still in existence, though some of the books are torn and time-worn and show that they have been made brown before the blazes of the open fireside. They are owned by different lawyers in Boonville and are valued highly because they are the books read by the great war president when he resolved to study law.

Upon one occasion Lincoln attended a murder trial at Boonville and heard the case from beginning to end. The trial seemed interesting to him, but the most exciting feature of the whole case was the argument before the jury. The most eloquent plea and argument was made by a Kentucky lawyer named Brackenridge, a kin to John A. Brackenridge of Indiana. After his argument before the jury all of the prominent men in the court room rose to congratulate him. Lincoln was in the court room at the time and he was anxious to shake hands with the eminent jurist in appreciation of his effort in behalf of his client.

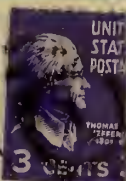
Lincoln pushed himself through the crowd up to the attorney and when he stretched out his hand to shake, Mr. Brackenridge pushed him aside and shook hands with those whom he considered more prominent. Lincoln was smitten by this act and always remembered the name of Brackenridge, the attorney from Kentucky.

Several years after, at the second inauguration of Lincoln, thousands of people greeted the great war president. Hundreds of this number came from Kentucky, and among the number was this man Brackenridge. Recognizing him at once as the man who ignored him at Boonville several years previous, Lincoln grasped the man's hand with a hearty shake and said:

"I am more than glad to see you than any man I know of. I have always wanted to congratulate you upon that speech you made at Boonville several years ago."

Lincoln did not have to tell Brackenridge upon that occasion he ignored him, when he was a poor, struggling man, for Brackenridge followed with a complete apology.

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